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Retiring the Colors



American Legion Post Commander Bill Johnson (left) and Theodore Stephan, Jr. burn American flags during a formal ceremony behind the legion building last Saturday. Approximately 1000 old flags that were no longer serviceable were burned. All flags were dropped off by Crawford County residents throughout the year.

Agreement will regulate local ambulance services

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling and local ambulance officials have forged an agreement regulating emergency medical services in Crawford County.

A memorandum of understanding has been developed to govern emergency medical services in Crawford County.

The memorandum will take effect 30 days after it is signed. It follows discussions between the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Mercy Hospital Grayling, Mobile Medical Response (MMR), and North Flight, Inc. officials.

"The signed memorandum of understanding is a demonstration that the leadership of North Flight, MMR, Mercy Hospital Grayling and Crawford County have together made a commitment to work toward the best solution for the continued provision of quality emergency medical services for our community," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The memorandum allows patients or their families to choose which EMS service to use during transfers.

In March, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners rejected a proposed emergency medical services ordinance, which would have governed

local ambulance services, that had been heavily debated by local medical officials.

The state's public health code allows municipalities to adopt ordinances to establish procedures for ambulance services in order to ensure reliable, timely and effective medical transportation.

The ordinance, which was pushed by Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp, said that the quality and reliability of the services will be enhanced if an ambulance contractor is offered an exclusive contract to furnish both emergency and non-emergency patient transportation between hospitals and other medical care facilities. The ordinance required all hospitals, nursing homes and other inpatient care facilities to obtain non-emergency transportation from the county's medical transportation contractor.

There were exceptions to the requirement, however, when the contractor could not provide timely service or an ambulance service funded by a municipality could provide the transportation.

Mobile Medical Response (MMR) of Saginaw has contracted with the county to provide ambulance service since 2000.

Prior to MMR entering the
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Free tire cleanup continues for fourth year

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The wheel is often cited as one of humanity's greatest achievements. As marvelous of an innovation as it may be, too many tires laying around is a big problem. That's why, for the fourth year in a row, volunteers banded together to help clean up the mess.

This year's free tire cleanup took place on June 16.

"In four years, we've taken close to 20,000 tires out of the county," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

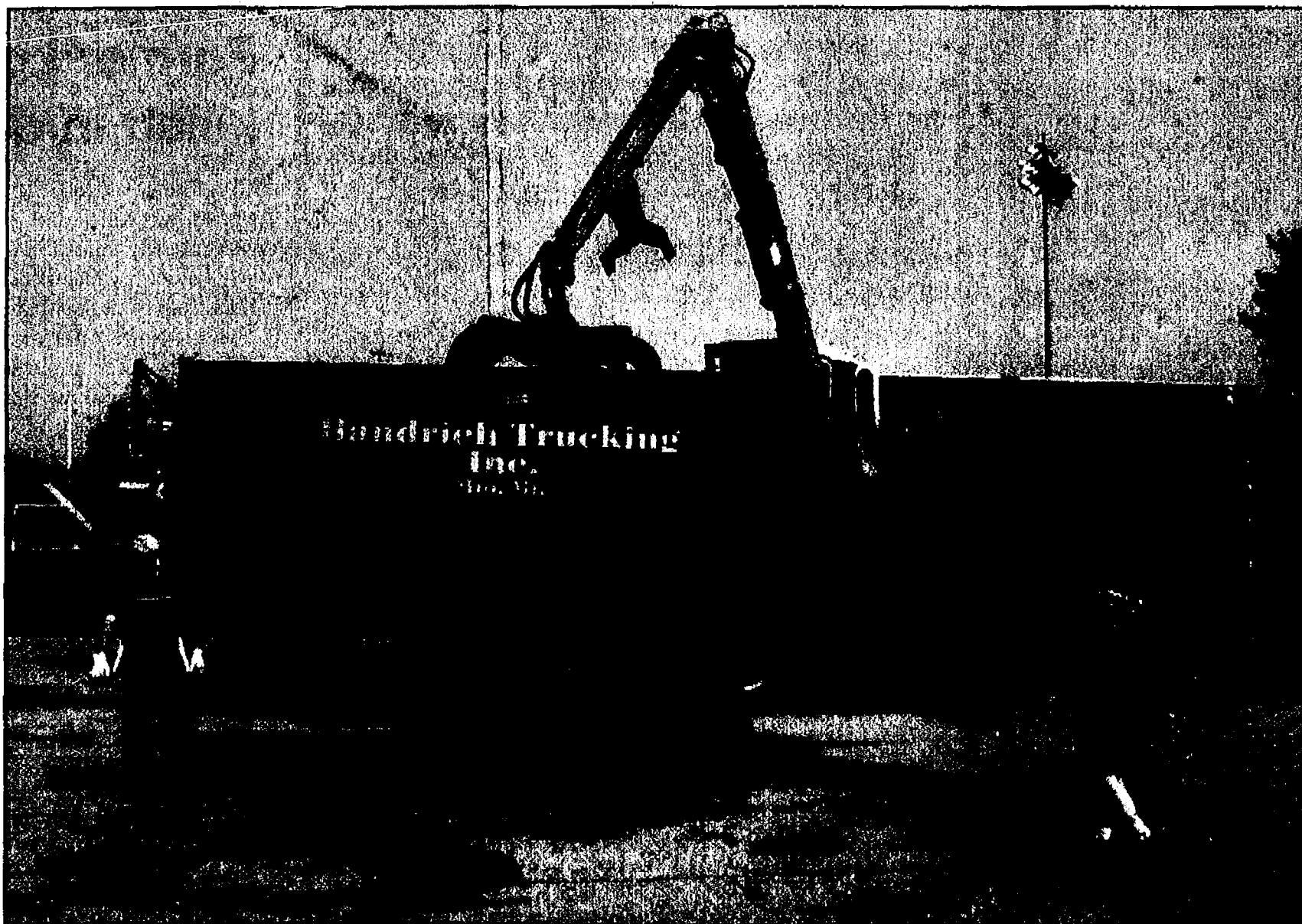
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley, who was one of the initial organizers of the event, said the idea for the free tire collection was first suggested when the county received a large sum of money from a landfill court settlement.

"We've (got) a lion's share of it for the tire cleanup," said Riley. Some additional funds for the project have come from township budgets. All of the labor comes from volunteers.

"Nobody is getting paid to do this," said Riley.

Although this was not necessarily intended to be a long term
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The fourth annual Crawford County tire cleanup took place at the Grayling High School parking lot last Saturday. Officials from various county and civic organizations teamed up with community members to host the free tire collection. This year, Dave Stephenson from AJD Forest Products donated a crane to help load the tires. Around 2,000 tires in total were collected this year. "In four years, we've taken close to 20,000 tires out of the county," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

Alternative plans pitched for downtown streetscape

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An 11th hour appeal for a plan to create a uniformed facade in the downtown business district to honor the area's ties to the lumber industry was endorsed by Crawford County officials earlier this month.

Grayling resident Robert Young, a former state representative and senator from the Saginaw area, is pushing an alternative plan for the City of Grayling's downtown streetscape project.

Young, who spends his winters in Florida, said he became concerned about the streetscape project when he returned to the community in the spring and heard about the tax assessments and proposed downtown improvements.

Young envisions downtown having an overhang going from the Crawford County Courthouse to Spruce Street made of rough-sawn white pine
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Grayling Youth Booster Club & Grayling Area Local Businesses

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day Parade
11 a.m., Michigan Avenue
 (Sponsored by VFW)
Grayling City Park

Activities:

Pharma Music
 Providing Music & Entertainment
 Noon - 8 p.m.

- Variety of contests throughout the day for children/teens/adults
- Karaoke:
 - 1 p.m. children 12 & under
 - 2 p.m. teens to adults
- Karaoke Master Final:
 - 5 p.m. children 12 & under
 - 6 p.m. teens to adults
- Limbo & Line Dancing

• Guest performers throughout the day.

Free Kid's Fishing Contest
 12 noon - 2 pm
 Kids 5-12 years old
 (planted trout)
 Bring your own pole
 Prizes awarded:
 First Fish by Boy and First Fish by Girl
 Other prizes awarded to successful anglers

Kid's Games
 2 p.m - 4:30 pm
 Kids 10 & Under
All supplies furnished by the Booster Club

Candy Bar Bingo
 4:30 pm

Free Watermelon
 6 pm

Booster Club Concessions
 Noon - 10 pm
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The Independence Day celebration is sponsored by local businesses and by concession sales, so please come down and support your local Youth Booster Club

Third Graders Help Shelter Fund



Mrs. Canfield's 3rd grade class at Grayling Elementary School recently made a donation to the Thor Fund at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. They raised money by working hard, and doing chores for family and friends. The Thor Fund is named after a wonderful yellow Labrador retriever that came to the shelter near death in January. The fund will keep helping animals in crisis that come to the shelter for refuge and care.

Agreement will regulate local ambulance services

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county, North Flight, an ambulance service owned by Munson Medical Center, had provided county wide ambulance services in Crawford County for 10 years.

North Flight had sought a subsidy from the county because the service had lost \$500,000 over a five-year period while serving Crawford County. The county denied the subsidy due to budget issues, and contracted with MMR for ambulance services.

MMR CEO Raymond Little said he believes the memorandum of understanding will help enhance EMS service. Little told

county commissioners that his agency was struggling financially to provide 24-hour emergency services without complete access to patient transfer opportunities and the revenues it generates.

"We have worked well as a group to develop a memorandum of understanding that will facilitate a smooth transition to the new system," he said.

North Flight officials said they understand the financial challenges in offering 24-hour emergency services to a rural county.

North Flight President Kathleen McManus said her agency's goal is to ensure

Crawford County residents and Mercy Hospital Grayling patients receive continued timely EMS coverage.

"In the spirit of cooperation, North Flight will be scaling back operations, allowing for additional volume to be realized by MMR," she said. "This reduction will provide MMR with greater financial stability."

North Flight will continue to provide back-up emergency services for the county if the need should arise.

The memorandum states that Mercy Hospital Grayling staff will ask patients and their families if they have a preference regarding which EMS service to use for a transfer. MMR will get the first call for patients that they have delivered to Mercy Hospital Grayling, as well as those that have their subscription service.

Exceptions would be patients in Denton Township, which offers its own ambulance service.

Physicians and Emergency Department staff at Mercy Hospital Grayling, consulting with EMS officials, agreed to criteria regarding response times.

Under the memorandum, MMR agrees to communicate any concerns on response times or other issues to North Flight and Mercy Hospital Grayling in a timely manner.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chairman David Stephenson said he was satisfied with the agreement.

"We're glad that all the parties involved were able to sit down and work out all the issues for the betterment of the citizens of Crawford County," he said. "I want to say a big thanks to all of them."

Former Lovells resident killed in downstate crash

A former Lovells Township woman was killed and her son was critically injured in a single vehicle crash which occurred in Kent County on Saturday.

Dawn Howell, 26, of Shelby, died at the scene of the accident which occurred on Saturday, June 16 in Kent County's Spencer Township. Her son, Dakota Howell, 8, sustained serious head injuries and is being treated at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was listed in serious condition Tuesday.

Dawn Howell, the daughter of Cheryl and Pete Howell, was

raised and lived in Crawford County most of her life. She recently moved to Shelby with her mother. Dakota was born and raised in the area.

The crash occurred near the intersection of Bass Lake Avenue and Steffensen Road in Spencer Township.

Howell's boyfriend, Erik Scripture, 36, was driving his '97 GMC Sierra on Steffensen Road, when he failed to stop at a stop sign, lost control of the truck and slammed into a tree.

Dawn and Dakota Howell were ejected from the cab after the truck rolled over several times. Scripture sustained two broken legs.

The accident remains under investigation by the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Correction

It has been brought to our attention that the wrong range was listed in the article in the Avalanche, June 14, 2007 issue, "17th Annual Historic Artillery Match to compete at Camp Grayling". The correct range will be Range 35. The description about how to find the range (...North Down River Rd., follow the signs ...) provided information that would lead the reader to Range 35, so there should not be a problem. However, there could be confusion for those individuals who actually know where Range 8 is located.



THANK YOU GRAYLING!

Special Forces Ventures, Inc. would like to thank the town of Grayling for it's support of the Grayling Rock & Roll Air Show. We are offering to all residents of Grayling a discounted ticket to the air show which will be held July 7th and July 8th 2007.

Ticket price is just \$15.00 with valid Grayling ID. Kids 10 and under are still free!

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Geocaching growing in popularity

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

It's easy for people in the local community to claim that they know Crawford County. After all, many people have lived here for their entire lives.

Nonetheless, there is a fast growing group of adventurers who spend much of their free time challenging this preconception. They are called "geocachers," and they are proving that there is a lot of Crawford County territory to be explored.

"Geocaching is all over the world," said Jerry LaMotte, who is considered to be something of a local expert on the hobby.

Geocaching is an activity where an adventurer will hide a small package, called a cache, in an unusual location. The coordinates are posted online so that other adventurers can use global positioning satellite (GPS) devices to find the cache.

Although the basic process is simple, the real challenge comes in hunting for geocaches that are hidden well out of the way of the beaten path. Geocachers like to challenge each other, meaning that local enthusiasts are learning just how big Crawford County really is.

"It's quite an adventure," said LaMotte. "We're seeing a lot of Crawford County that we just hadn't seen before."

Jerry LaMotte and his wife, Marion, got into the hobby when Marion purchased Jerry a GPS to aid him in hunting and fishing expeditions. Before long, Marion heard about the hobby of geocaching through word of mouth.

"There's quite a few (people) in this area that do it," said Marion.

Marion and Jerry both feel that sightseeing is perhaps the biggest appeal of the expeditions.

"They just take you to beautiful places," said Marion.

However, the hunt does have other rewards. Geocaches always include log books where successful adventurers can mark their passing. They are sometimes filled with other items too.

The person who initially sets up the cache will sometimes leave a small amount of money (usually around \$5) as a reward for the first person to locate the cache. After that, visitors will often leave personal treasures at the site.

Explorers are welcome to keep items that they find, but good geocaching etiquette says that one should leaving something else to replace anything that is taken.



Marion LaMotte (left) teaches Emily Wingard (middle) and Heather Ruddy how to use the GPS device. Good navigation is the key to a successful expedition.

There are many geocaches in the Crawford County area, with at least two located within the boundaries of the Hanson Hills Recreation area. That might be a good place to start for beginners. Once prospective geocachers figure out how to navigate with a GPS, the rest is a snap.

"Well, if I can figure it out, most people can," said Jerry. "It's a little bit tricky at first."

The next step is to find the coordinates of the cache you are looking for. The best resource for this is www.geocaching.com, which is a huge free resource that lists geocache coordinates from all over the world.

"Get on the website and they'll tell you a lot about it," said Jerry.

Hunts can range in difficulty. Some caches are not far from civilization, while others require multiple treks to gather a series of hidden coordinates.

"There's one out in the swamp area we never did find," said Jerry.

Some caches are even designed to be transported from place to place.

"We've got one out in Arizona right now," said Jerry.

Among the people in the county who are trained in the ways of geocaching are several middle school students who were instructed by the LaMotte couple during the Grayling Middle School Fun Day last month.

"They were having fun...but they were also learning," said Tracy Wilson, a parent volunteer who helped to organize the pro-



A geocache usually takes the form the the duct taped bucket pictured above. Inside, geocachers will find a log book and something to write with. There are often other items as well, as geocachers tend to leave surprises for the next visitor.

gram. Jerry LaMotte said the kids were primarily interested in the GPS device, which they considered to be a very interesting piece of technology. They also liked finding the treasures that the cache contained.

"It's a good family thing," said Jerry.

Adults in the Crawford County area have gotten particularly creative with the hunts. Local emergency dispatch official Dennis Wallace will be hosting a geocaching poker party with his wife Sherri, where guests have to hunt down caches to find cards for

their poker hands.

The local geocaching community is about more than just having fun and playing cards, however. They have also teamed up for a community service project or two.

"Two years ago the geocachers got together and cleaned up the park here in town...they call it 'cash in, trash out,'" said Jerry.

Anyone who is interested in the hobby is encouraged to visit www.geocaching.com to find out more.

"The more people put 'em out, the more there is to find," said Marion.

Alternative plans pitched for downtown streetscape

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to protect people from the elements. Wood planks would be placed under the overhang for the sidewalks.

Young said the uniformed, downtown facade would capitalize on the community's milltown theme and would garner tourist and national attention.

"This was a milltown in the 1890s, it was milltown in the early 1900s and it is still a milltown in 2007," Young said. "We're trying to honor our forefathers who were involved in the lumber business years ago, and we will honor the people working in the lumber industry today."

Young said that he has commitments for the donation of timber for the project.

"It's one of the most beautiful stands of white pine timber I have ever seen," said Young, who added that local lumber companies have also offered to kiln dry and saw the lumber.

City to kick off agriculture farm market

The City of Grayling's Agriculture Farm Market kicks off its season this Thursday, June 21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the former City Hall on I-75 Business Loop (State Police Crime Lab).

Sale items are limited to agricultural products and baked goods.

Fresh produce of the season -

cherries, strawberries, cheese, honey, maple syrup and specialty cuts of beef are expected for the first week. The farm market will run every Thursday evening from June 21 to Sept. 27.

Future exhibitors should contact Grayling City Council person Tom Wellman at (989) 889-5346 for additional information and an application form.

landscaping, decorative street lights, replacing sewer and water mains and repaving Michigan Avenue and Burton Court streets.

"We're within weeks of having this all ready to go," Grayling City Council person Tom Wellman said.

The City of Grayling was awarded a \$519,767 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water, sewer and street upgrades in the downtown business district.

A total of \$224,100 of the project will be paid for through a special assessment levied on downtown business owners, based on the amount of property they own fronting Michigan Avenue.

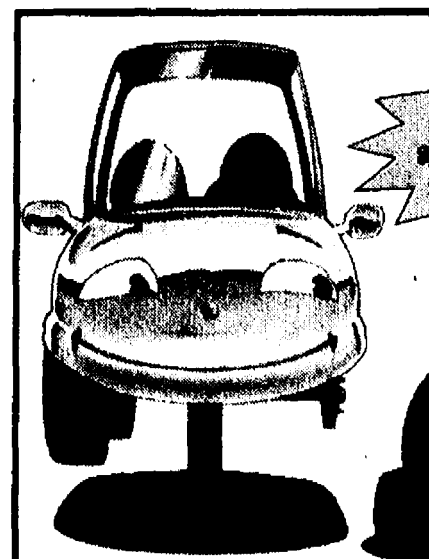
Grayling City Manager David Thayer said the city could potentially lose the grant funding if the downtown project is delayed.

"If we lose the grant, we lose the project," Thayer said.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

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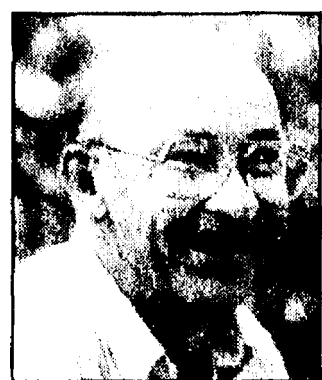
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Adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees this 13th day of June, 2007

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Two budget woes down, one more to go

MICHIGAN BUDGET leaders have dropped the second shoe.

Just a week or so after agreeing on how to handle one budget crisis, they have agreed on how to handle a second one.

That leaves just one more to go in the next 90 days.

Crisis No. 1 was a gaping hole in the current year's state budget: Too much outgo, not enough income.

State government found itself \$800 million or so short of meeting the constitutional requirement for a balanced budget before the present fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

After much bloodletting, the politically-divided legislature put together a rickety package of cost cutting, accounting gimmicks, selling off the future, delaying payments, and other financial magic to balance the budget, and Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm went along with the deal.

Then came Crisis No. 2: Replacing almost \$2 billion lost when the much-reviled Michigan Single Business Tax (SBT) was repealed earlier than planned by last year's pre-election legislature, which doesn't exist any more. The SBT

will expire Dec. 31 this year, and the \$2 billion income chasm has been yawning for about a year now.

Last week Republican leaders of the state senate, Democratic leaders of the state house, and Gov. Granholm and her money gurus came up with a new Michigan Business Tax to take effect when the SBT expires, and designed to produce the same \$2 billion in lost revenue.

Now only one budget crisis remains, and that's where to find an estimated \$1.6 billion or so expected shortfall in the 2008 annual budget, which runs from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. It looks as if the answers must come from more cuts in spending, more revenue, or a combination.

The 2008 budget represents the third shoe for our legislative and executive leadership to drop.

Nobody promised making laws and being governor were going to be easy this year but hardly anybody expected such heavy lifting, either.

KEY FIGURES in all this maneuvering have been Gov. Granholm, Democratic House Speaker Andy

Dillon, and Sen. Mike Bishop, Republican leader in the senate.

Both Mr. Dillon and Mr. Bishop were elected by their respective party members to their leadership posts. Although neither enjoys the luxury of strong, united party backing on all issues, both have been mostly effective in holding their memberships together, firm in some instances and compromising in others.

It's instructive to recall that when the legislative year began, Gov. Granholm insisted the money problems were tied together, and all three problems must be solved at the same time. She proposed spending and taxing programs designed to balance both the 2007 and 2008 budgets, plus adopt a new business tax plan to replace the SBT tax, in a broad, far ranging total program.

That didn't work.

Sen. Bishop has insisted from the beginning that the three-phased financial miasma must be treated separately. These were three problems, not one, Sen. Bishop reasoned, and he and his senate GOP troops have steadfastly held to that posture.

So far, Mr. Bishop's position has been productive, and Gov. Granholm's has

not.

NOW THE WHOLE budget process is in the home stretch.

Early indications are that the eventual 2008 budget solution will involve more adjustments in current spending programs, stretching from selective outright spending cuts to money saving restructuring here and there, plus adding more taxes, probably by raising the personal income tax rate, which has been cut gradually during the past eight or ten years.

As for the new business tax package, it appears at first glance designed to help existing manufacturers, encourage new ones, and offer relief to new and struggling small businesses.

Gov. Granholm claims seven of 10 businesses will pay lower taxes. That sounds great, but it also means the other three businesses will pay higher taxes, and enough to make up that \$2 billion the SBT now yields.

Initial reaction from business groups has been generally supportive. That's understandable from the seven businesses which will pay lower taxes, but I wonder about the absent complaints from

those three businesses paying higher taxes.

One early caution has sounded that the Michigan tax structure will be unique to Michigan, that no other state handles the same business taxes the same ways. To me, that sounds like a positive result, not a negative one as long as the taxes are fair and adequate.

When the actual bills to put the new taxes into effect are written and then amended and ground through the law making process, we will know more about who will pay what, and how the new business tax structure will work in practice.

These two relatively rapid fire political agreements on budget programs, of course, did not happen overnight, but came after long and hard study and negotiating among all the role players.

But all in all, it's been a couple of good productive weeks of work for Michigan budget makers, both legislative and executive, with more expected in the very near future.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Does the 4th of July still have meaning for you?

To the editor:

Each year my friends and I, of our local American Legion, march in the 4th of July parade. We do so, proudly representing our flag, the greatest nation on earth, and the wonderful, brave young men and women that have fought and died, and are dying now every day. They do so voluntarily, in a strange war-torn land and culture, far away from their loved ones, home and just sleeping in their own bed. It is terribly important to me that they each go to sleep every night knowing that what they are being maimed or dying for is just, noble, and supported by the vast majority of us Americans. They must know that there is a reason they may die tomorrow. Every letter they read, everything they hear must be positive and supportive from home.

Regardless of your political affiliation, and how you person-

ally feel about this war, these are your neighbor's sons and daughters. Be proud of them, the parents and soldiers and their sacrifices. Tens of thousands have sustained hideous injuries for life, for you. The 4th of July (and let us not forget Memorial Day) is set aside (reserved for you) to honor them and honor the flag that they honor and die for. So, let's end the day celebrating, but after we start the day with reverence and thoughtfulness.

Marching, I don't get to actually "see" the parade. What I get to see is a few people that need to brush away a tear or two, or are having a serious, thoughtful moment, as we pass by. Some fond or painful memories, no doubt, yes, the cheers and applause are great to hear, but those tender fleeting moments touch me the most. I know how I feel, and it builds up as I feel it around me. That is why I march.

Now, the sad part. So, we reserve one special day a year in our town, capped off with fireworks, and have ourselves a parade. A parade representing our community pride, and witnessed by many tourists in town for the day. A parade totally devoid of music. In our past, not even a small contingent of a marching band has been there to get into lock-step with. How embarrassing, for all of us. A parade is not an endeavor to sneak up on people. A parade is banging drums, announcing "here we come" and people marching with pride to the music. I love to feel the pride that comes from doing something well, don't you? The other side of that is, I don't like the feeling of being part of something done with apathy or indifference. If we can't get stirred, genuinely, into civic action while our people die in war, how much interest will there be in a few years, in peacetime? Apathy is a cancer. If we don't show sincere respect for our kids overseas, and in front of our kids at the parade, what kind of message are we sending all of them. You teach by what you do, and what you don't do.

There are a lot of good people in our community, and we need some of these people to step forward. Actually, it seems like just good business to me, to start the whole day with a great parade. Help those that are trying to make this parade into something special. I am not talking about money, times are tough. I am talking about involvement and communication. We have local musicians that have interest, we don't know who they are. I know we have people who care and I know we have people who have tried, well, let's try again. Many, like myself, have been very disappointed in July 4th parades of the past. Hey, you try marching with enthusiasm to the "whoop" of a siren.

It is too late, I know, for this year, but please let this be our last year of disappointment. Sadly, if school bands can actually do one event each summer (as I hear) the parade of the 4th should be more important than the canoe race. If you want to help, contact VFW, Bonnie Poll at 390-9124 or Phil Faustman at 348-4771.

Phil Faustman
Grayling

We are reaching out to youth

To the editor:

In response to the letter "Do something for the children" I agree, we need to reach out to the children and youth of this city and we are doing just that (in case you didn't know) at the Matrix Youth Center.

We have a heart to see Grayling be all it can be and produce a generation of caring Godly young people. The Matrix offers some what of an arcade atmosphere with billiards, foosball, ping-pong, PS2, card and board games, internet cafe, as well as Christian music videos provided by Sky Angel Network, snacks and live music every Friday and Saturday evening. We also offer a free movie night on Thursdays. It is all done as an inner-denominational Christian outreach to the local and surrounding communities. Check out our web site at www.myspace.com/the_matrix49_1.

We are a non-profit 501 c3 organization, we operate off of donations and do need your sup-

port to keep this outreach going. You don't have to be a Christian to support a good cause for the youth of this city.

If you grew up in Grayling, you know for years there has not been a whole lot to occupy time and idol hands for the young people and we all know what idol hands can produce.

Anyone young and old alike can come and check out the Matrix. It's just not for the young, all are welcome, bring your kids and share some quality time playing games, or laugh and have a good time. Relax and get to know your kid and some of the really awesome young people we have here in Grayling. Support the youth by supporting the youth center. The Matrix Youth Center is located at 6441 W. Pine Point Rd., about 2 miles west of the city. If you have any questions, contact us at (989) 348-2025.

The Bobenmoyer family
David, Julie, Jessie and Niki
Grayling

Water park versus trout fishing

To the editor:

This is in answer to Mr. Shields letter.

Thanks for your annual trip to Grayling. That should put a lot of money into the area.

After you get off the expressway and head down M-72 to a motel or your cabin beside the holy water, take a little side trip through the industrial park and check out the waste ponds and then the big field on the other side of the railroad tracks where it goes back in the ground. I think Crawford County knows how to take care of any kind of waste before it gets to the river.

If you want to see the image of the river destroyed, get in your river boat and go from Grayling to Burtons Landing with all the dead trees dropped in the river on both sides. In places they are cut in half, there isn't anything natural about that mess.

If you really want a cause, go after the DNR for allowing this.

Is this the first step between the trout fishermen and the DNR to make this section catch and release also?

I just wish that the DNR and the trout fishermen would learn that this section of river is for pleasure, and money for Grayling comes from people who canoe and not the handful of fishermen that would use it.

So to round it off, when you go by the theme park on Four Mile Road, look the other way because Grayling really needs this theme park and the pellet company (which you never mentioned) for much needed jobs in this area. Most jobs in this area pay an average of \$8.00 an hour and it will put a lot of people to work. Plus it will be good for the businesses in Grayling which are struggling in the downtown area.

Jerald La Motte,
Grayling

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BRIEFS

COA to host program Safe Food, Safe You

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will host a program called Safe Food, Safe You, on Wednesday, June 27, after lunch from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. As part of the program, participants will learn proper cleaning, cooking and storage practices, how to recognize food borne illness, and become familiar with a food thermometer and how it is used. Lunch is served at noon, cost is \$3 for seniors and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are required, by calling the center at 348-7123.

Summer Music Series to begin

The 2007 Summer Music Series, presented by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, will kick off Thursday, June 21, on the lawn of Citizen's Bank, with local favorites Jackie Beckwith and Thane Doremire, the "Wise Guys" performing from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Boosters sponsor fund raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund Raising Night. A percentage of the sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, June 26, will be donated to the Booster Club. Booster board members will be present and encourage the community to support the club.

Matrix youth center to hold movie night

The Matrix youth center, is holding free movie nights, every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. All movies have a rating of G or PG. Star Wars Episode 1, 2, and 3 series #2 will be showing Thursday, June 28. They are open from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., on Thursday, and Friday and Saturday, from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. with live music, billiards, foosball etc. The Matrix will be closed June 21-23. The Matrix is located on the back side of Route 72 Auto Wash. For information, call 989-348-2025, or go to www.myspace.com/thematrix_49_1.

Church to host benefit dinner

The Bear Lake Christian Church, Kalkaska, will be hosting a benefit dinner on Friday, June 22, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. A donation of \$6 per plate is suggested. Dinner will include: spaghetti and sauce (with meat or without), garlic bread, salad and dessert. The church is located on M-72, at East Bear Lake Rd, half way between Grayling and Kalkaska.

Concert to be held at CRAF Center

Kitty Donohoe will be performing at the Gazebo on the CRAF Center lawn in Roscommon, on June 27, at 7 p.m. She is a songwriter, storyteller and musician of rare skill, playing guitar, dulcimers and concertina. She will be accompanied by David Mosher on guitar, mandolin and fiddle. The concert is free to the public. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the CRAF Center gymnasium.

Volleyball skills camp to be held

Grayling Volleyball is hosting a skills camp for 6th -12th graders at Grayling High School, June 27 - 29. 6 - 8th graders will attend from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., cost is \$45 mail in registration fee and \$55 on site registration fee, will learn basic hitting, serving, passing and game knowledge. 9-12 graders from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with a \$60 registration fee and \$70 on site registration fee. Learn more advance setting, defense, power and placement hitting, serving and system training. It is open to all schools around the area.

Rally for a Cure golf outing to be held

Rally for a Cure, will hold an 18 hole golf scramble on Wednesday, June 27, at the Grayling Country Club. Tee off time will be 8:30 a.m. It is open to all non-members with a donation of \$20, plus \$35 for golf and cart, includes lunch and prizes. For more information, contact Sherry Hanson at (989) 348-9564.

Kirtland to host free health care program

Kirtland Community College will be hosting a free program for area massage therapists and interested health care professionals on Saturday, July 7, at the Kirtland House on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

Medical massage expert and lymphedema therapist Charlotte Versagi, will be the featured presenter at the afternoon program, slated for noon to 4 p.m. on July 7. Versagi is the clinical supervisor of Medical Massage and Integrative Medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and has been published extensively on women's health issues, cancer and massage therapy.

While there's no charge to attend the presentation, reservations are required and may be made by calling KCC's Health Careers office at 989-275-5000, extension 281.

"This presentation is of great value, not just for the massage therapy student and practicing massage therapist, but also for anyone in the medical field who has questions about the role of massage for cancer patients," said Mary Berger, coordinator of the massage therapy program at Kirtland.

During the July 7 presentation, Versagi will address a variety of topics, including: the pathophysiology of cancer, how cancer is treated in the United States, the most common cancers, indications and contraindications of massage of the cancer patient, specific skills appropriate for these patients and where to find the best education (for massage therapy) in the country.

BCBS seeking nominations for community service awards

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are seeking nominations for the Claude Pepper Awards that honor exemplary senior citizen advocates.

The awards are presented to two individuals whose professionalism or volunteer efforts have made significant contributions to improving the lives of Michigan seniors, particularly those whose access to health care services may be hindered by physical, mental, financial or geographical limitations. The awards are named for the late Florida U.S. Sen. Claude Pepper, one of the principal sponsors of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and a major force in strengthening Social Security and Medicare.

"The Claude Pepper Awards recognize those who make a profound impact on the lives of Michigan's elderly," said Diane Jones, vice president of community affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "It is a way for us to salute those who give so selflessly of their time and talent to help seniors in our state."

Nomination forms and additional information are available online at bcbs.com/awards. Forms can also be obtained by phoning 1-800-733-BLUE (2583) or by writing to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Community Service Awards, Mail Code 0620, 600 E. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226. The nomination deadline is July 1.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of

Michigan Senior Advisory Council Education Committee will review all Claude Pepper Award nominations and select the two winners: one retiree and one actively employed person of any age. They will each receive a \$1,000 donation for their respective nonprofit organizations. Runners-up will receive certificate of merit.

Only nonprofit organizations with a tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code are eligible for Claude Pepper Award donations. If the winners are associated with a non-qualifying program, a qualifying program related to his or her service may be designated.

The Claude Pepper Awards will be presented Friday, Sept. 14, at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, during the Senior Advisory Council annual conference. This is the 17th year for the awards.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, a nonprofit corporation provides or administers health care benefits to just over 4.7 million members through a variety of plans: Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield; Blue Preferred, Community Blue and Health Blue PPOs; Blue Care Network HMO, and Flexible Blue plans compatible with health savings accounts. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are nonprofit corporations and independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. For more information, visit www.bcbs.com.

Meningitis vaccines available

Neisseria Meningitis is the leading cause of Bacterial Meningitis and sepsis in the United States. Meningococcal infections can be treated with certain antibiotics. Still, about one out of every ten people who get the disease dies from it, and many others are affected for life. This is why preventing the disease through the use of Meningococcal vaccine is important.

Two meningococcal vaccines are available in the United States. Both can prevent four types of meningococcal disease, including the two of the three types most common in the United States. Meningococcal vaccines cannot prevent all types of the disease, but they do protect many who might become sick if they didn't get the vaccine.

Michigan does offer the VFC Program (Vaccine for Children) through eighteen years of age.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for June 17 of \$25 each: Martin DeRocco, Jonell Stockmaster, Carol Thayer, and George McEvers.

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The Bible Speaks

Abounding Grace

In Romans 5:20 we see the contrast between abounding sin and abounding grace. "Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Just as God's law entered to give us knowledge of abounding sin, the gospel of Jesus Christ came to give us God's abounding grace to cover that sin. As Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Jesus illustrated this in Luke 7:36-48. The more people understand the debt and burden of their sin, the more they will appreciate the sacrifice of God's abounding grace to forgive them.

Second, as God's law showed us the abounding transgression of our sin; God's Grace showed us the abounding grace of pardon from the God we transgressed. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4). God's law not only identifies our sin, but describes it as transgression

against a righteous God as the law giver. Abounding grace is Jesus Christ stricken for our transgression as prophesied in Isaiah 53:8, "...For the transgression of my people was he stricken." Therefore we can say with Psalm 32:1: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Third, God's law showed us the abounding condemnation of sin. God's grace showed us God's abounding justification over sin. Jesus Christ gives this message in the gospel of John. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:18,19) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." (Rom. 8:1a). Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. (Gal.

3:13).

We could continue the contrast between abounding sin and abounding grace by dealing with the abounding deception of sin contrasted with the decency and honesty found in the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We could contrast the abounding conviction of sin with the abounding grace which covers the guilt of sin by divine forgiveness. Everyone reading this column is either under guilt or under grace. We could contrast the abounding depravity of our old sin nature to the abounding grace given us as partakers of the divine nature as children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. As Paul said in Romans 7:24,25: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." "We love to sing the words of John Newton: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see." Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Josephine M. Starks

Feb. 2, 1922 - June 13, 2007
Josephine M. Starks, 85, of Grayling, passed away on June 13, 2007.

She was born in Allegan County, on February 2, 1922, to William and Pearl Bowen.

She married Wesley Starks on September 2, 1940, in Napoleon, Ohio. He preceded her in death in 1999.

She and her late husband previously owned and operated the Marathon Station that was located on M-72 for 15 years. They retired in 1978.

She enjoyed fishing, hunting, softball, and playing Rummy with friends at Whispering Pines.

She is survived by son, Bob Starks of Gaylord; grandchildren: Kristie (Bill) Luff, Joshua (Melissa) Starks, Sarah (John) Zelaski, all of Gaylord, Jennifer (Ryan) Sartin, and Bobby Starks, both of Grayling; great-grandchildren: Alyssa, Adam, Tristan, Cody, Mckenzie, Kaden, Mason and Brooklyn; siblings: Kay (Jack) Engle, Barb (Chuck) Schroder, and Jerry (Pat) Bowen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Wesley, of 59 years; son, LeRoy Starks; and daughter, Brenda Arnold.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 16, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Pastor Rick Secord officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Frederick M. Sanderson

June 6, 1941 - June 9, 2007
Frederick M. Sanderson, 66, of Leonidas, passed away on June 9, 2007, at Three Rivers Health Hospice Suite.

He was born in Sturgis, on June 6, 1941, to James and June (Lamb) Sanderson.

He was a lifetime resident of that area. He was a dairyman, working at several area farms. He enjoyed fishing in his spare time.

He is survived by his mother, June Hughey of Mendon; father, Jim Sanderson of Colon; three children: Douglas (Marilyn) Sanderson of Sturgis, Deanna (Alan) Martin of Colon, Danny (Bambi) Sanderson of Grayling; and several grandchildren, including Dakotah and Bennette Mansfield-Sanderson.

He was preceded in death by his son, David Paul Sanderson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 30, at Bickhoff Funeral Home, Mendon.

Memorials may be sent to Three Rivers Health Hospice, 701 S. Health Parkway, Three Rivers, MI 49093.

Condolences may be sent to www.eickhofffuneralhome.com.

Russell J. Patterson, Jr.

Feb. 18, 1953 - June 15, 2007
Russell John Patterson, Jr., age 54, of Maple Forest Township, passed away June 15, 2007. A private family service was held. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Francis Decker

Sept. 17, 1939 - June 13, 2007
Francis Decker, 67, of Grayling, passed away on June 13, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on September 17, 1939, to the late Francis and Hazel (Leline) Decker.

He lived most of his life in Grayling. He was employed as a logger in the forest industry his entire life. He shined boots at Camp Grayling, drove a taxi for his father's taxi service in Grayling, and he loved the woods and the casino's.

He married Linda Sterling on August 8, 1959, in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of 47 years; daughter: Rose (Jerry) Gildner of Grayling; sons, Timothy Paul Decker, LeRoy Francis (Katherine) Decker, Sr., of Grayling; grandchildren: Timothy Shawn Umlor, Jerry Joe (Kathryn) Gildner, Anthony Lee O'Dell, Cindy Mae Wright, Michelle Lee Decker, Leroy Francis Decker II; great-grandchildren, Andrew Gildner and Madilyn Rose Gildner.

A funeral service was held on June 19, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 127 complaints the week of June 11 - June 17:

Two EMS responses, one suicide, two natural deaths, one missing person, 17 general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, five false alarm activations, six assault/intimidation/stalkings, five burglaries-home invasions, nine larcenies, two fraudulent activities, three damage to properties, one sex offenses/indecency exposure, 11 public peace/disorderlies, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, three health and safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, 16 traffic accidents, two traffic violations-civil infractions, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident-shooting, three inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, 17 inspections/investigations-family, seven inspections/investigations-suspicious, one lost and found property and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

HONORS

Central Michigan University

Todd Gaffke, of Grayling, received a Robert Hays Jazz Award from Central Michigan University for 2006-07. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in music education and music performance.

Gaffke, a senior at CMU, is a graduate of Grayling High School. He is the son of Thomas and Janet Gaffke of Grayling.

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Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-348-1909
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Saturday Church Service: 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School: 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
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Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor Tom Fennice
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Sunday School (youth & adult): 10 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm

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Sunday School: 10 am
Morning Service: 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday): 7 pm

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Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 am

Lighthouse Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

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Pastor Gary Wagner
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St. Martin Lutheran Church
510 South St.
Roscommon

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament: 10 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Primary: 8:30 am
Preschool: 12 noon
Relief Society: 12 noon

Berkley Baptist Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
301 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth: 11 am
Service: 6 pm
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Community of Christ
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Church School: 9:45 am
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Morning Prayer Two-Pri.: 8:30 am
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Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Restoration Life Center
Pastor Bob & Debbie Mason
10:30 am
Mid Week Service (Wed): 7:00 p.m.
Mail: 2040 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: 989-348-1000
E-mail: restorationlife@comcast.net

New Christian Ministry
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Marilyn, Pastor John, Pastor Paul
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Sunday School: 12:15 pm

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Wednesday Evening: 7 pm

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Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Service: 7 pm

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Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed: 5:30 pm

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm

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Sunday Service: 11 am
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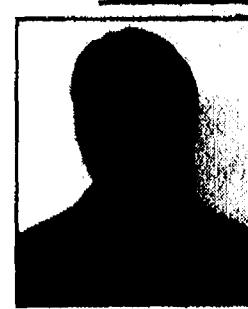
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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of June 21 - 27, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during June 21 - 22 and June 25 - 27.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) Artillery and mortar live firing will be conducted. June 21 - 24.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, June 21 - 27.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, June 21 - 27.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), June 21 - 27.

HONORS

Albion College

Jennifer Emmons, of Grayling, has been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Jennifer Emmons will be a junior next fall, majoring in biology and minoring in anthropology. Emmons is the daughter of Jeffrey and Nadine Emmons of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School.

Ferris State University

University officials announced that 3,169 students received academic honors for the semester that ended May 2007, at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level of higher during the given semester, while part-time students must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester GPA and a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Among the students from the Grayling area that were honored are: Brigid Deleo, Thomas Everly, Nicholas Makowski, Anthony Neal, Eric Persing and Jasmine Stancil.

Students honored from Roscommon are: Terry Campbell, Matthew Gubancsik, Krystyna Sherman, and Jacob Sucaet.

New York Chiropractic College

Kimberly Sue Hartman, a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School, was recently inducted into the Phi Chi Omega Chiropractic Scholastic Honor Society. She is currently in her last year at the New York Chiropractic College and will graduate in December 2007.

She plans on returning to the Grayling-Roscommon area to practice.

Kirtland Community College

Officials at Kirtland Community College recently recognized students for their academic achievements during the 2007 winter semester that earned them placement on the college's dean's and president's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

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The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, June 21 - 27.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on June 21-27, Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Jarrad Barrick, age 16, a sophomore at Royal Oak High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 1615 chartered by St. John's United Methodist Church in Royal Oak, has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts highest honor. To obtain this rank, he had to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, move up six ranks and organize a service project. For his project, Jarrad enlisted the help of his troop, Cub Scout Pack 1627, family, friends, and church members, spending over 374 hours cleaning and sprucing up the grounds of St. John's United Methodist Church, on Rochester Road at Thirteen Mile.

Jarrad has been in scouting since first grade as a Tiger Cub with Pack 1630, then Pack 1627 when school consolidation first started. He earned the highest Cub Scouting award, the Arrow of Light, before crossing over into Boy Scout Troop 1627, later transferring his membership to Troop 1615.

Besides scouting, Jarrad plays varsity soccer, runs varsity track and field, and plays the

french horn in the Symphony Band at Royal Oak High School. He has played premiere soccer for six years and is a licensed referee for younger teams. With all these activities, Jarrad has maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

As a member of Troop 1615, Jarrad has attended numerous weekend campouts, three summer camps at Cole Canoe Base and the 2005 Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, Va. He has also been a Den Chief for a Cub Scout Den in Pack 1627 for four years, earning the Den Chief Service Award for outstanding service to his den. As a First Class Scout, Jarrad was elected to the Order of the Arrow. This is a Boy Scout Society of Honored Campers of which Jarrad is a Brotherhood member. Jarrad joins his father, two uncles and several cousins who are also Eagle Scouts.

His parent are Penny (Nunn) and Dean Barrick of Royal Oak. Grandparents are Pat and Nancy Nunn of Grayling and George and Deana Barrick of Oxford.

www.kirtland.edu.

Lake Superior State University

John Petkus, of Grayling, Political Science major, earned the distinction of being included on the Lake Superior State University Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2006.

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Petkus is a senior at Lake Superior State University.

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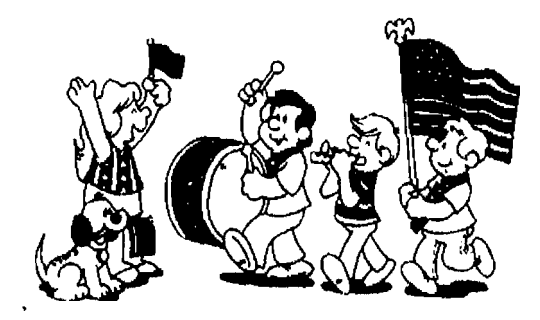
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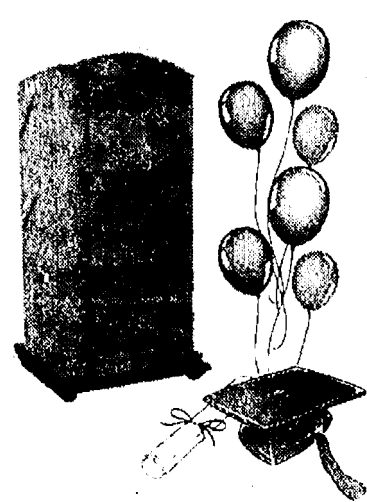
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Prudenville chiropractor joins hospital board

Mercy Hospital Grayling announces the addition of Daniel McGregor, D.C., to its Board of Trustees.

Dr. McGregor, a Prudenville chiropractor, joined the 14-member board in January and is an active member of the Prudenville and Houghton Lake communities.

"Dan McGregor will bring both knowledge of community needs and enthusiasm for problem solving to the Mercy

Hospital Grayling Board of Trustees," said Paul Lerg, Board chairman.

A member of the American Chiropractic Association and Michigan Chiropractic Society, Dr. McGregor is involved in the Houghton Lake Association, the Houghton Lake Merchant's Association, the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Houghton Lake Rotary.

He moved to the area in 1990 to open his practice following

graduation from National University of Health Sciences and six months as an associate of a chiropractor in Lansing, Ill.

In addition to Lerg, Dr. McGregor joins board members Alan Bersted, MD; K. Douglas Deck, president and CEO of Munson Healthcare; Michael Dunkel, business manager of Crawford-AuSable School District; Sister Gretchen Elliott, senior vice president of Mission Integration at Trinity Health;

Sister Rita Eppe, pastoral administrator; Sister M. Naomi Holysko, Sisters of Mercy; Howard McColley, retired of Roscommon; Sister Maureen Mulcrone, Mercy Education Project director; Thomas O'Brien, a Roscommon architect; Joseph Porter, a Grayling retiree; Kolandaivelu Ramaswamy, M.D.; and Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.



Mercy Hospital Grayling Board of Trustees include front row, from left, Joseph Porter, Sister Gretchen Elliott, Chairman Paul Lerg, Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Howard McColley; back row, from left, Kolandaivelu Ramaswamy, M.D., Michael Dunkel, Dan McGregor, D.C., Sister Rita Eppe, and K. Douglas Deck. Not pictured: Alan Bersted, M.D., Sister M. Naomi Holysko, Sister Maureen Mulcrone, and Tom O'Brien.

Hospital officials make donation to CCEDP fund

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) announced that they received an endowment contribution on Monday from the Senior Leadership Team of Mercy Hospital-Grayling.

The \$1,155 contribution joins an earlier \$1,000 contribution from Grayling Generating Station as a match toward the \$10,000 Challenge issued by Citizens Bank. Citizens Bank kicked off the CCEDP Endowment in March and posed a challenge to others in the com-

munity.

"The Citizens Bank Challenge gives others a real opportunity to make a difference in their community, both in their lifetime as well as providing a gift that lasts forever," said Gaila Gilliland, CCEDP economic development director. "The CCEDP Board anticipates this challenge will be met by other individuals, families, and businesses, thus growing the \$10,000 Challenge to become \$20,000."

All donations to the CCEDP Endowment Fund are invested

under the direction of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, the lead foundation of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, which serves Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties.

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Crawford-Roscommon Conservation launching fund raising campaign

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is launching a fund raising campaign to help it reverse a reduction in service that was forced by state funding cuts.

The districts board of directors met June 6, and reluctantly voted to lay off Administrator Theresa Compton, effective the next day. The Michigan Legislature cut the districts \$19,200 annual funding from the Michigan Department of Agriculture in half for this year and eliminated it for fiscal next year.

Members of the district board last week also voted to forego their own pay, retroactive to April, until the funding crisis is resolved. Each of the boards five directors has received \$35 plus mileage per monthly meeting.

Jim Bischoff, board chairman, said the Roscommon County Recycling and Gypsy Moth Suppression programs operated by the district will continue as usual with funding from county commissioners. Compton, who performs bookkeeping and other administrative duties for those programs and the district as a whole, has agreed to continue working part-time as a volunteer.

"This is not just a job," Compton said. "It's something I believe in." Normal business hours at the district office at the CRAF Center in Roscommon are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Compton plans to be in

the office on Mondays. Recycling Coordinator Barb Stauffer, Gypsy Moth Coordinator Lucille Eisbrenner and Conservationist Jacque Korn are in the office some of the rest of the time, but Bischoff said there will be occasions when the office is not staffed. Korn, an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, also serves the Otsego Conservation District.

"If no one is at the office, residents may leave messages by calling 275-5231 or e-mailing theresa.compton@macd.org, barb.stauffer@macd.org, lucille.eisbrenner@macd.org or jacque.korn@mi.usda.gov. The staff will respond to messages as soon as possible, Bischoff said. In the fund raising campaign, the district is asking residents of Roscommon-Crawford Counties for donations to help restore full service.

"If each person in the two counties contributed just 50 cents a year, we'd be able to bring Theresa back full-time," Bischoff said. Each person who makes a tax-deductible donation to the district will receive a certificate of appreciation. Donations may be mailed to the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, P.O. Box 156, Roscommon, MI 48653.

"If you are unable to make a monetary contribution, we hope you will consider contacting your

legislators to encourage them to support legislation to restore funding to conservation districts," Bischoff said.

The district, which marked its 40th anniversary last month, is a local unit of government, with a board of directors elected by residents at annual meetings. Its purpose is to maintain and improve the soil, water, forest and wildlife resources in Roscommon and Crawford Counties. It links residents with conservation service providers such as state, federal and local governments and conservation organizations. In addition to recycling and gypsy moth suppression, those providers include the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Events sponsored by the district include tree and wildlife plant sales and an annual Conservation Expo. With funding from Roscommon County and its townships, the district organizes household hazardous waste collections. This year, that program has expanded to two dates. The district provides Roscommon County residents with information on township recycling sites and offers recycling of cell phones, ink jet cartridges, computer equipment, televisions and electronic office machines. It collects manufactures coupons, which are sent to U.S. troops overseas.

Writing contest winners announced

Nine students from Grayling High School have been named local winners in the ninth annual AuSable River Words Writing Contest, sponsored by the Anglers of the AuSable. The nine students, who earned first, second, and third place awards for their school are:

Fiction - first place, Amanda Jackson, second, Kelly Lange, third, Ashley Jurkovich; Poetry - first place, Rachel Gibbs, second, Nathan Peters, third, Doug Slater; Nonfiction - first place, Robert Ramaswamy, second, Alexandra Mosel, and third, Kelly Lange.

All nine received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winners, Amanda Jackson, Rachel Gibbs, and Robert Ramaswamy have had their names engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

The first and second place winners now advance to the inter-school competition between the four school districts along the AuSable River: Oscoda High School, Mio-AuSable, Roscommon High School, and Grayling High School. The top two winners at the inter-school level will win U.S. Savings Bonds.

The writing contest, open to all tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students who attend high school along the AuSable watershed, encourages students to be aware of the beautiful environs just beyond their backyards.

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Community Foundation awards grants

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This year, a second Tobacco Grant opportunity is being offered for Crawford and Oscoda Counties. Organizations with programs benefiting residents in these

counties and meeting the requirements of the Tobacco Grant may apply by July 1, 2007 for up to \$2,500 in funding.

NCMCF Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) also awarded \$904.72 with its April grant cycle. YAC grants provide funding for projects benefiting youth in the three-county NCMCF service area. Grants awarded are as follows:

Crawford/Roscommon Child Protection Council was awarded \$509.72 for a Car Seat Safety Program for area families. The Crawford AuSable School District was awarded \$395 to

support the Little Vikes Basketball program.

Tobacco Grants are awarded from NCMCF's Tobacco Settlement Funds. YAC Grants are awarded from NCMCF's Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds. NCMCF, established in 1998, has awarded more than \$950,000 with over 940 grants and scholarships in its effort to improve the quality of life for current and future residents of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties. NCMCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

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Ignace Car Show. The 32nd Annual St. Ignace Car Show Weekend is scheduled for June 28-30. Thursday will feature the Kewadin Casino Cruise Night for the registered vehicles. The favorite event of the weekend is the "Down Memory Lane Parade", which begins at 7 p.m. on Friday. All of the participating vehicles will be on display on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street. This well known St. Ignace Car Show was first held the last Saturday of June 1976. 134 vehicles were on display that year. The show continued to grow each and every year and 1,025 collector vehicles were on display with 73,000 spectators observing in 2006. The 2007 show features Jack "Doc" Watson who created the Hurst/Olds. There will also be an outdoor concert at Kewadin Shores Casino on Saturday with "Night Ranger" and "Survivor" as the featured musical acts.

Gaylord - Saturn Booksellers in downtown Gaylord will be

hosting Katrina Kittle, author of *The Kindness of Strangers*, on Thursday, June 21, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. In conjunction with the signing event, Saturn will hold a silent auction to benefit the local Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Items for the silent auction will be displayed all week at the store, and bids will be accepted beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 18, with final bids being taken during the author's visit. In addition, Saturn will donate a portion of the evening's book sales to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The book, *The Kindness of Strangers*, is a novel about two families impacted by accusations of child abuse. Author Katrina Kittle has found that her author tour events are a perfect forum for fund raising for various child-related organizations and Saturn Booksellers owner Jill Miner, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Michigan Executive Director Kathy Holmes, have worked together to make this

event special not only for Kittle's many fans, but for kids right here in Otsego County.

More information about Big Brothers Big Sisters will be available at Saturn Booksellers during the four day bidding process, and more information about this or any other of Saturn's summer events, can be found on their website, www.saturnbooksellers.com, or by calling the bookstore at 989-732-8899. This event is free and open to the public.

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American high school students. Alexis Valeen-Peck, who attends Grayling Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Cindy Jones, a teacher at the school. Alexis Valeen-Peck, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's

history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy. The academy selects USAA winners based on the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's aca-

demic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability. Alexis Valeen-Peck is the daughter of Maggie Peck of Grayling and her grandparents are Lo Kirkland of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Jaunita Brown of Grayling.

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Grayling High School graduate Charley McNamara invoked plenty of laughter with his Star Wars themed Latin oration. The speech was delivered to a crowd of over 30,000, including billionaire Bill Gates. "I was really pleased for him because I knew he'd spent a lot of time preparing the speech," said Mike McNamara, Charley's father.

GHS grad addresses over 30,000 people at Harvard commencement

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

What do Harvard, Bill Gates and Jedi Master Yoda have in common? All three were somehow involved in an address by Grayling High School graduate Charley McNamara to his graduating class at Harvard this year.

McNamara, who was a graduate of the GHS class of 2003, just completed his Latin degree at Harvard University. Before leaving the university for good, he competed for the opportunity to give an undergraduate speech entirely in Latin before 30,000 commencement attendees, including honorary degree recipient Bill Gates.

Despite the seriousness of the event, McNamara's speech was something of a laughing matter.

"There's a tradition of having the Latin oration being comical or at least lighthearted," said McNamara.

McNamara's speech was entitled "John Harvard, Jedi Knight."

"I thought, well, that's an interesting take on it," said Charley's father, Mike, who attended the event along with the rest of Charley's immediate family.

During the eight minute speech, which was delivered entirely in Latin, McNamara compared the Harvard experience with training to become a Jedi. He spoke of doing battle with the "red-ink lightsabers" of teachers and seeking the guidance of Yoda-like mentors.

"You can't have any notes or anything...so in case you get stuck, there you are in front of 35,000 people," said Mike McNamara.

Although it's unlikely that very many people in the crowd

spoke Latin, a preprinted translation allowed event attendees to read along in English. Although some of the Star Wars terminology is difficult to translate into the language of the ancient Romans, McNamara used linguistic tricks such as using numerals to spell out R2-D2.

"At the end of the day, I did it because it's fun to write something in Latin about Star Wars," said Charley McNamara.

Footage from the event reveals that the majority of the crowd, including Bill Gates, found plenty to laugh about in McNamara's comparisons between Harvard and that galaxy far, far away. McNamara's ability to utilize some of the skills he picked up at GHS helped turn the speech into a full-blown performance.

"When I was in high school, I did impromptu speaking...developing all those skills really helped in delivering an eight minute address in front of 30,000 people," said McNamara. "I definitely have to give a lot of credit to the Grayling High School forensics team."

Segments of the speech involved swinging an imaginary lightsaber and talking like an alien. These theatrical elements would likely have been enough to elicit laughter even without the translated speech. Perhaps the funniest part of it all is the fact that McNamara isn't much of a fan of the movies.

"I don't really even like Star Wars...but perhaps like Latin literature...Star Wars has this timelessness," said McNamara, who added that his all time favorite film is actually *Clue*.

Guest attendee John Kerry was so impressed with McNamara's performance that, after the cere-

mony, he suggested that Charley work with him in the future.

"He liked Charles' performance so much he offered him a job," said Mike McNamara.

McNamara declined the offer, as he already had other plans for life immediately after graduation, although he said he might consider the offer in the future.

Although a job offer from a former presidential hopeful is impressive, not even John Kerry could match the enthusiasm of McNamara's family.

"It was just the greatest," said Charley's mother, Bev McNamara.

The mere fact that Charley McNamara even attended Harvard is an impressive feat. Aside from the fact that the school has notoriously high standards for applicants, it is still unusual for students from small or rural communities to be accepted to the famous university.

"I feel like rural communities in general are sort of overlooked," said Charley McNamara. "People from Grayling are just as talented, just as motivated and just as smart as people from all over the country."

Both Charley and his parents emphasized that it's important for Grayling kids to go for big goals and not sell themselves short.

"Don't let the money stop you, either. So many scholarships are need based," said Bev McNamara.

Charley is currently training to be a high school instructor for the Teach for America program. He will spend two years teaching English in a rural community in Mississippi.

He said he wanted the opportu-

Local students to perform at international jazz festival

Charlie Alchin of St. Helen and Trevor Kalthoff and Brian Thomas of Roscommon will perform with the Alma College Percussion Ensemble at the prestigious Centrum Jazz Festival in Port Townsend, Wash., on July 28.

"It is a huge honor to be invited to play at this international festival," says Dave Zerbe, faculty director of the Alma Percussion Ensemble. "You can't apply to perform there; they seek you out. The musicians playing at the festival are all amazing performers."

The main stage roster at this year's festival includes such standouts as tenor saxophonist Houston Person, the Banda Brothers Latin Jazz All Stars, vibist Joe Locke, the Roy Hargrove Quintet, and vocalist Roberta Gambarini.

Alma is the only college group in the nation invited to perform. Alma's 30 student percussionists will perform a 50-minute set with guest artist Joe Locke.

Their performance will include "The Heat of the Day" by Pat Metheny, "Time Check" by Don Menza, "Crazeology" by Charlie Parker, "Latin Train" by Arturo Sandoval and "Highland Air" by Lyle Mayes to name just a few. The Percussion Ensemble will perform in McCurdy Pavilion, a former World War II-era balloon

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Alchin, Kalthoff and Thomas are seniors at Alma College and graduates of Roscommon High School.

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Get A Clue



The Devereaux Memorial Library was transformed into a forensic lab on Saturday, June 9 during the kick off party for the summer reading program in Crawford County. The event was called "Get A Clue @ Your Library." Over 100 kids and adults were entertained by magician Gordon Russ (pictured) as he performed an act entitled "Mystery of the Missing Bookworm." This free program will continue throughout the summer. For more details, call the library at 989-348-9214.

Entrepreneurs bring jobs to county

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) recently calculated job creation resulting from several projects: four companies have added or will add a total of 90 new jobs. Besides creating economic opportunity for job seekers, projects also increase the local tax base. Overall, new or expanding businesses bring additional dollars to the county.

Gaila Gilliland, CCEDP Economic Development Director, explained that jobs are created by entrepreneurs, not economic development organizations. "Seventy-five to 80% of all jobs are created by existing companies. "CCEDP will focus on business retention; we recognize the importance of working with existing firms and realize our companies are another community's best prospects. Our recruitment efforts will center on these industry clusters: forest products, medical, military, technology, tourism, and warehouse/distribution."

Two existing companies recently made decisions to expand; both firms are in the warehouse/distribution cluster. Northern Woodcrafters purchased the facility formerly owned and occupied by Carlisle Paddles. This location allowed the company to re-locate and expand. Northern Woodcrafters was previously located in the building occupied by Hometown Furniture. Owner Scott Page, said, "Northern Woodcrafters will create 6 new jobs in the next month and potentially additional job creation in the next several months."

Located in the city's industrial park, RAS of Northern Michigan opened its doors with 10 employees in 2005 and today employs 20. Business is thriving at RAS, with growth at 105% in its first two years of operation. Due to growth in Grayling, the firm recently acquired additional land to double the size of its current warehouse.

"CCEDP and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

have done more for our Grayling, Michigan location than we could have ever expected," stated Robert A. Slak, Jr., RAS President. "When we arrived at Grayling's door step in September 2005, giving notice we would like to make Grayling home for our warehousing and distribution business for General Electric, Maytag, and LG appliances, we could not have asked for anything more. In addition to getting us up and running and finding a place to operate, they also were a huge part in having Whirlpool Appliances come to RAS to deliver for them also. I can't thank them enough."

Two other companies recently decided to call Grayling home. "Three Lakes Abstract and Title looks forward to opening its office in Grayling and providing competitively priced, professional title and escrow services to all of Crawford County" said Eric Manley, Vice President. "Three Lakes Abstract and Title blends 21st Century technology with

friendly small town service and will become an active member of the community. The Grayling office will join Three Lakes' existing offices in Roscommon and Houghton Lake. We have looked at this market for some time and want to publicly thank Gaila Gilliland and the CCEDP board for their assistance."

The forest products industry continues to be a main-stay in northern Michigan. Cascade Management & Development LLC, a start-up wood pellet company, plans to locate in the city's industrial park. Cascade will employ 70 at start-up. CEO Chuck Sanch said he is excited about the project and appreciates assistance from City Manager David Thayer, CCEDP Economic Development Director Gaila Gilliland, and MI Works Business Liaison Kay Cosgray. Sanch explained, "Cascade looks forward to being in Grayling very soon. Site work will start in sixty to eighty days and in the very near future, an office will be established in Grayling."

Free tire cleanup continues for fourth year

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 annual program, it has been a massive success each year, sometimes collecting hundreds of old tires at once from a single property.

"We had one individual that had 400 tires," said Riley.

According to Riley, these tires are not only an eyesore, but they

are basically outdoor trash piles that are a blight to the natural environment. They also tend to be a popular breeding ground for mosquitoes.

In order to prevent these problems, the program has had very positive volunteer response. Volunteers include members of local civic and county organizations as well as Weyerhaeuser.

Dave Stephenson from AID Forest Products has even donated a crane to help load the tires.

"I'll tell you, it's one of the dirtiest jobs there is, handling scrap tires," said Riley.

This year, around 2,000 tires were collected. This is less than previous years, which might be a good sign that most of the old tires in the county have been

removed.

"We hope it's winding down," said Riley.

At this point, much of the grant money has been exhausted, so there is no word on whether the free program will continue next year.

If not, officials will still provide some kind of venue for the removal of additional tires.

UW announces summer raffle

The Crawford County United Way will be selling raffle tickets again this summer for its "Summer Fun" fund raiser. Prizes for this \$1 per ticket raffle will be aimed at summer activities in the Grayling area with the first prize being an Old Town Kayak, second prize a mountain bike and third a towable water tube.

Tickets are available at the Crawford County Avalanche office, the Camp Grayling Air Show and the River Fest. Area non-profit agencies and United Way board members will all have tickets for sale also.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday July 28, in front of the Grayling Chamber Building. If you'd like to volunteer to help at either the Air Show or the River Fest, please call the United Way director Linda Williams, at (989) 344-9300.

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Girls golf team places 9th at state finals

■ Individually, senior Abby Wheeler scores a two-day total of 171 to finish 10th

Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team recently placed 9th at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division III lower peninsula state finals tournament held at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course.

The Vikings – Abby Wheeler, Kristi Calkins, Alexis Elmy, Leigha Stevens, and Monica Leslie – qualified for the 2007 state finals by winning their regional tournament. It was the group's second consecutive regional championship.

At the state finals on June 1-2, Wheeler, a senior, led Grayling with a final 36-hole score of 171 (83+88). Individually, she finished 10th overall. Calkins posted a two-day score of 180 (96+84), Elmy finished at 220 (107+113), Stevens scored 245 (132+113), and Leslie had 271 (140+131).

Final team scores included: 1. Grand Rapids South Christian 361+353=714; 2. Flint Powers Catholic 357+358=715; 3. Perry 368+374=742; 4. Grosse Ile 385+358=743; 5. Alma 388+379=767; 6. Grand Rapids Catholic Central 384+386=770; 7. Jackson Lumen Christi 390+385=775; 8. Hanover-Horton 382+395=777; 9. Grayling 418+398=816; 10. Rapids Forest Hills Eastern 421+421=842; 12. Detroit Lakeview 440+443=883; 15. Big Rapids 446+452=898.



Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team finished 9th in the MHSAA Division III state finals this year. The team (left to right): Abby Wheeler, Alexis Elmy, Leigha Stevens, Coach Brian Banda, Kristi Calkins, and Monica Leslie.

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Due to the gender equity lawsuit against the MHSAA, girls golf in the lower peninsula will change from the spring season to the fall season during the 2007-08 school year.



The top 10 golfers at the MHSAA Division III state finals included Abby Wheeler (far right) of Grayling, who shot a two-day total of 171.



Coach Brian Banda presents Abby Wheeler with her top 10 medal at the state finals.

Twenty-five runners compete in five-mile race at Hanson Hills



Runners break from the starting line during Grayling Recreation Authority's 2007 Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run on Saturday, June 9. For more on the event, including a list of results, see Page 2B.

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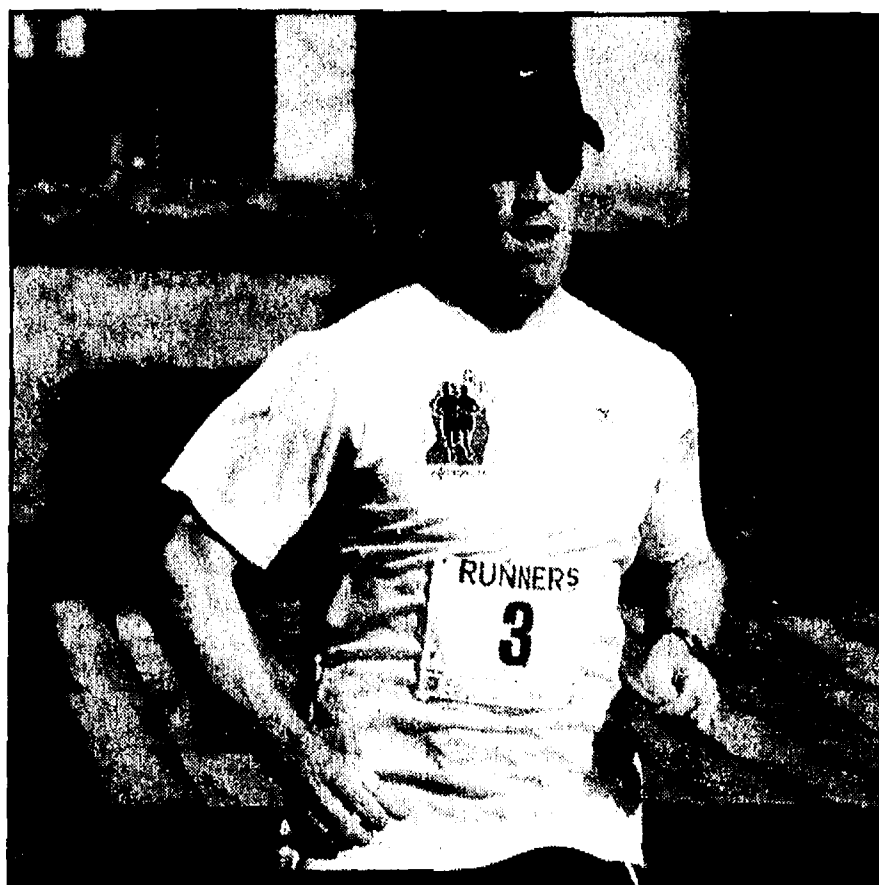
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Scott Westover (left) and Bonnie Karas (right) cross the finish line of the 2007 Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, a five-mile race held on June 9. Westover won the men's division and Karas won the women's division.



Twenty-five runners compete in five-mile race at Hanson Hills

Twenty-five runners competed in Grayling Recreation Authority's annual Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run on Saturday, June 9. The overall winner in the men's division was Scott Westover, who posted a final time of 0:28:36. Bonnie Karas won the women's division with a time of 0:40:44.

Final results for this year's Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, courtesy of GRA (competitor, bib #, age division, male/female, time):

Overall Male Winner: Scott Westover #3 [30-39] M 0:28:36;
Overall Female Winner: Bonnie Karas #18 [40-49] F 0:40:44;

14-Under Division - Max Ferguson #13 [14-U] M 0:49:27;

15-19 Division - Jason Drudge #8 [15-19] M 0:29:55;

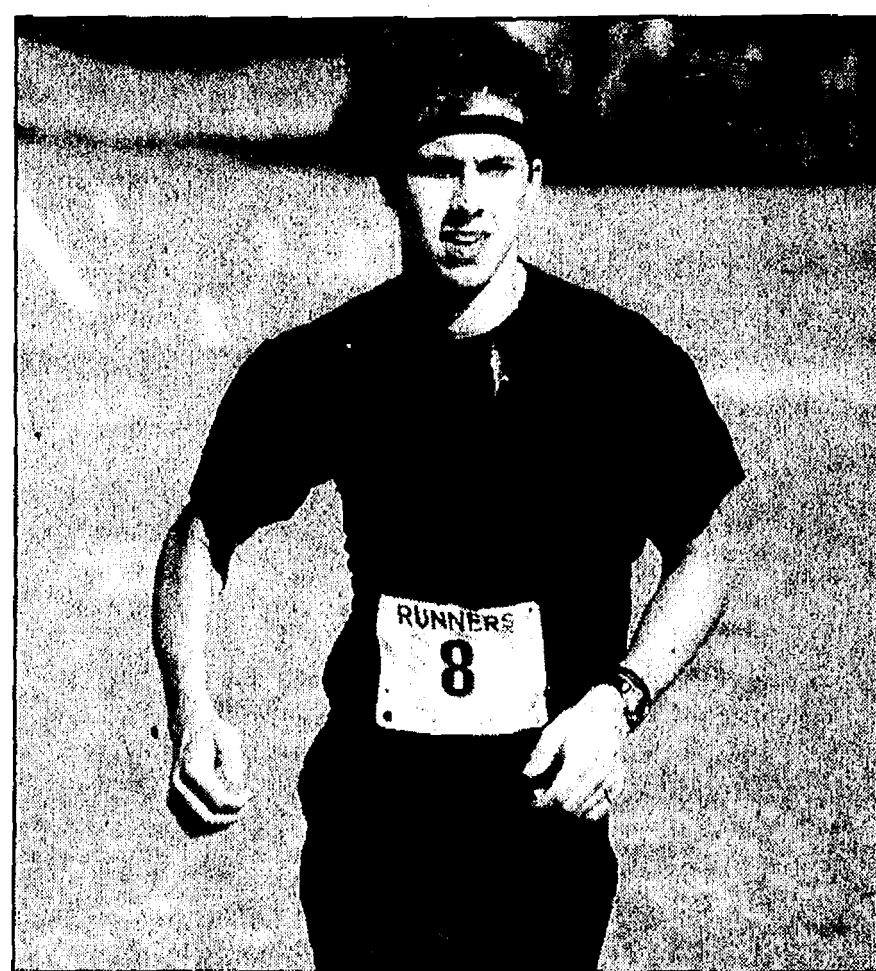
20-29 Division - Josh Hinkle #17 [20-29] M 0:40:15; Matt Swope #20 [20-29] M 0:40:16;

30-39 Division - Paul Owen* #4 [30-39] M 0:31:45; King Adrock #25 [30-39] M 0:37:03; Melissa Gingrich #9 [30-39] F 0:42:14; Angela Westover #5 [30-39] F 0:42:31; Lisa Krosnicki #19 [30-39] F 0:57:02; Amy Maus #22 [30-39] F 1:06:03;

40-49 Division - Steve Seager #10 [40-49] M 0:31:32; Eric Droggt #11 [40-49] M 0:35:34; Greg Mills #1 [40-49] M 0:35:46; Buck Nasty #21 [40-49] M 0:46:10; LaFonda Dynamite #23 [40-49] F 0:42:41; Jody Hinkle #16 [40-49] F 0:44:44;

50-59 Division - Joe Seifert #26 [50-59] M 0:41:21; George Gambert #6 [50-59] M 0:47:25; Dave Ferguson #12 [50-59] M 0:52:41; Barb Verhanne #24 [50-59] F 0:53:03; Nancy Ferguson #14 [50-59] F 1:06:09;

60+ Division - Ted Nykiel #15 [60+] M 0:49:39; Bill Parrott #7 [60+] M 0:50:32.



Jason Drudge finishes the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, posting the event's second best time.

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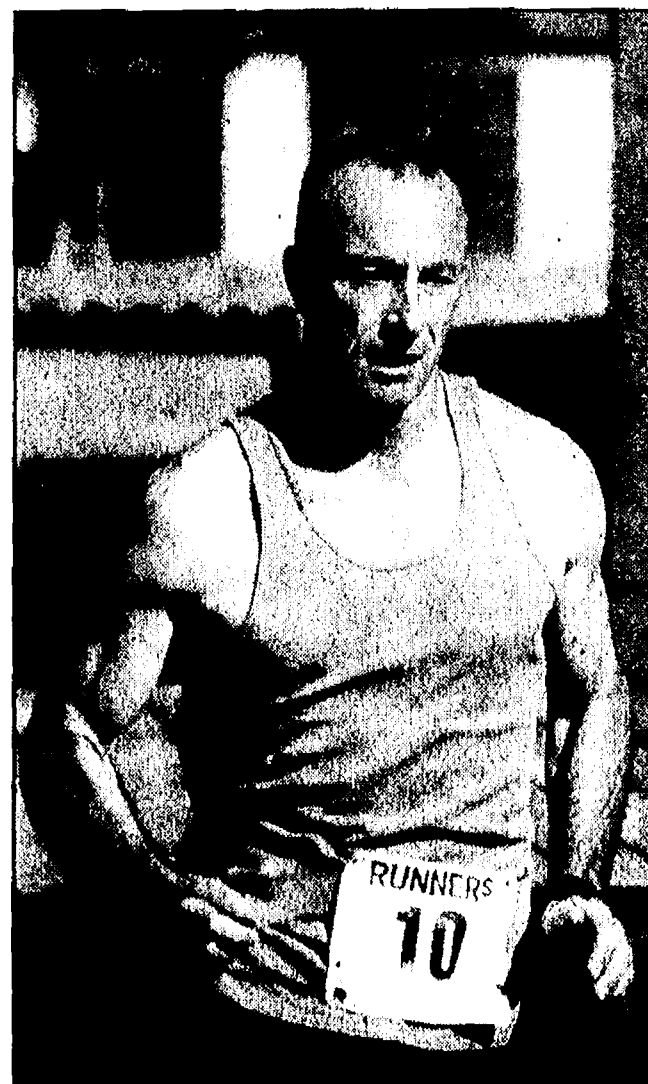
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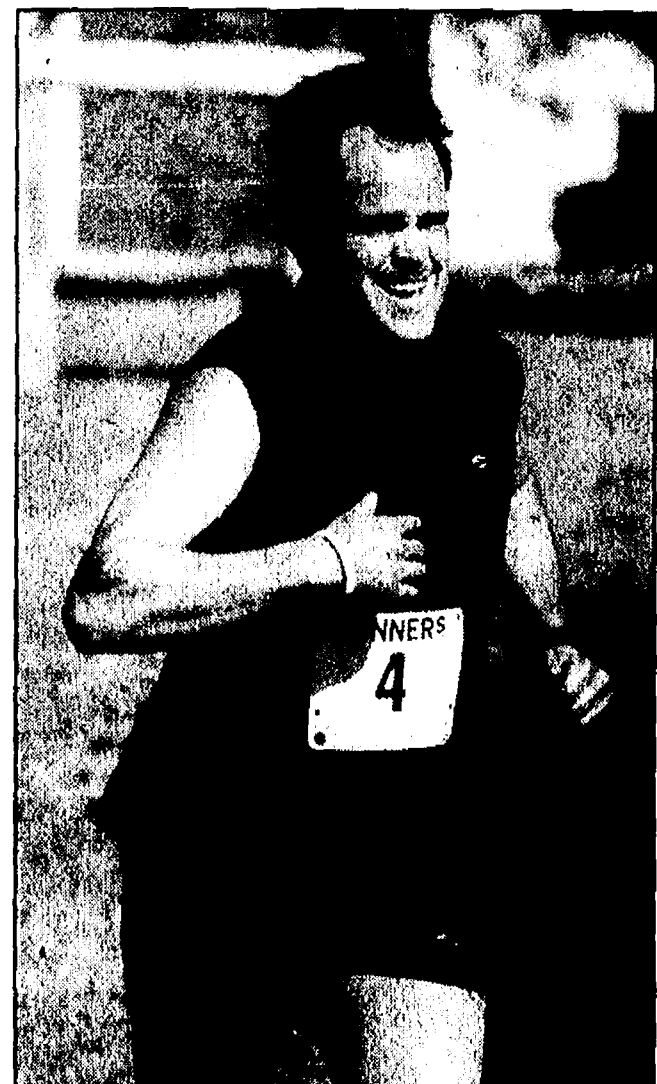
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Angela Westover (left) and Melissa Gingrich (right) reach the finish line of the 2007 Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run.



Steve Seager (left) and Paul Owen (right), who finished third and fourth overall, respectively, compete in GRA's five-mile race on June 9. For more photos from the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, see Page 4B.



GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league results and standings for the 2007 season:

Week 4 Results - Kodiak vs. Gray Rock - Game 1: Kodiak 13, Gray Rock 6; Game 2: Kodiak

18, Gray Rock 12.

Grayling Inn vs. Hometown - Game 1: Grayling Inn 47, Hometown 3; Game 2: Grayling Inn 32, Hometown 23.

AJD vs. SMK - Game 1: SMK

12, AJD 5; Game 2: SMK 20, AJD 1.

League standings, as of 6/11/07 (league standings do not include byes):

Kodiak.....6-0

Grayling Inn.....7-1

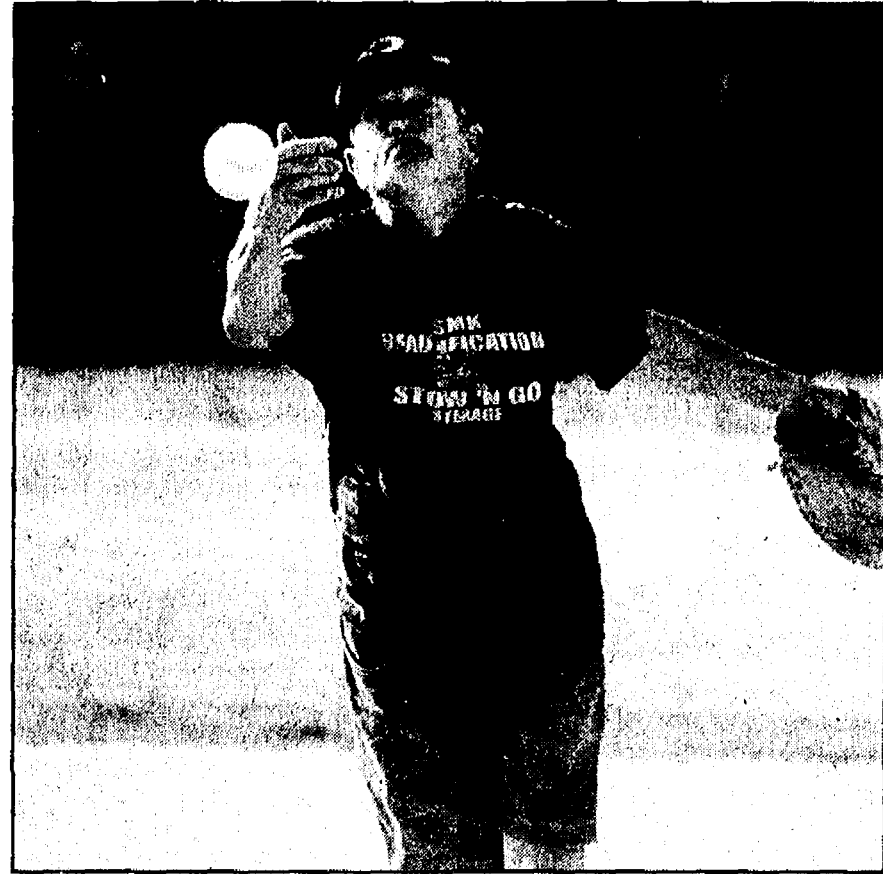
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AJD.....4-4

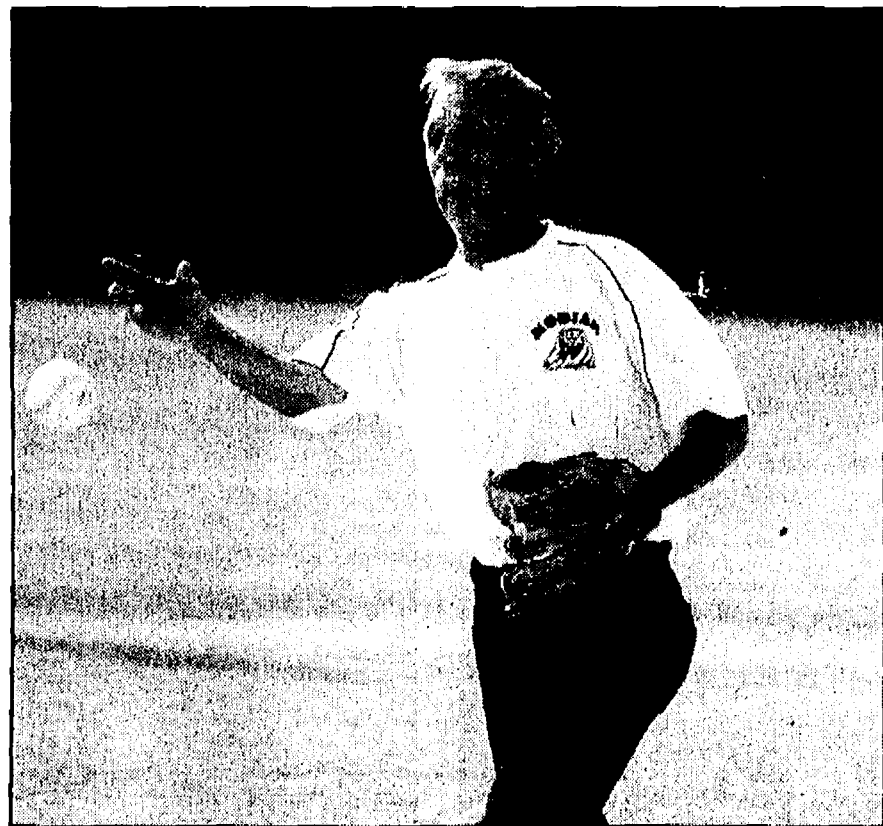
Hometown.....2-6

Gray Rock.....0-6

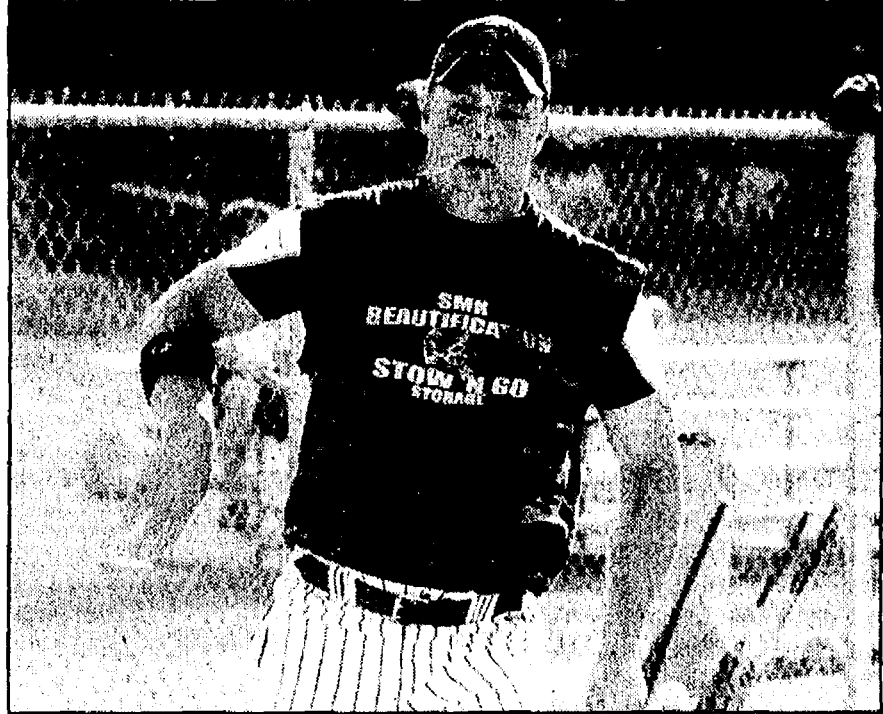
Springs.....0-6



(Left) Dustin Engstrom hits the ball for Kodiak during game one of the squad's doubleheader vs. SMK/Stow & Go last Thursday at Hanson Hills. (Right) Jan Thayer pitches for SMK/Stow & Go.



(Left) Corey Rock bats for SMK/Stow & Go vs. Kodiak on Thursday. (Right) Fred Perrin throws a pitch for the Kodiak team.



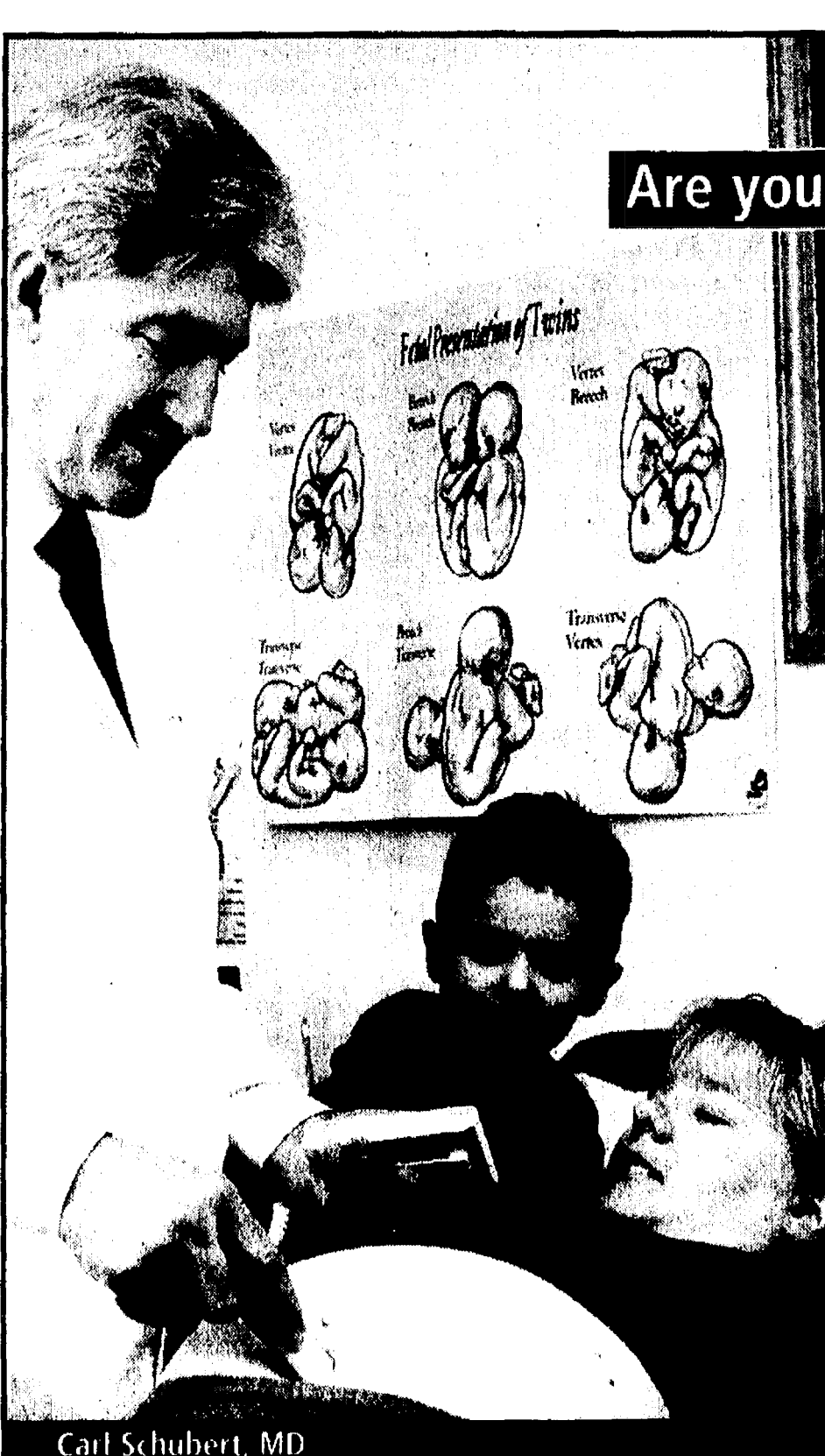
(Left) Loren Cobb puts the ball in play for Kodiak. (Right) Jimmy Schwartz touches home plate for SMK/Stow & Go during game one of last week's series vs. Kodiak.



Travis Hulbert scores a run for SMK/Stow & Go.



Bobby Harris hits the ball for Kodiak.



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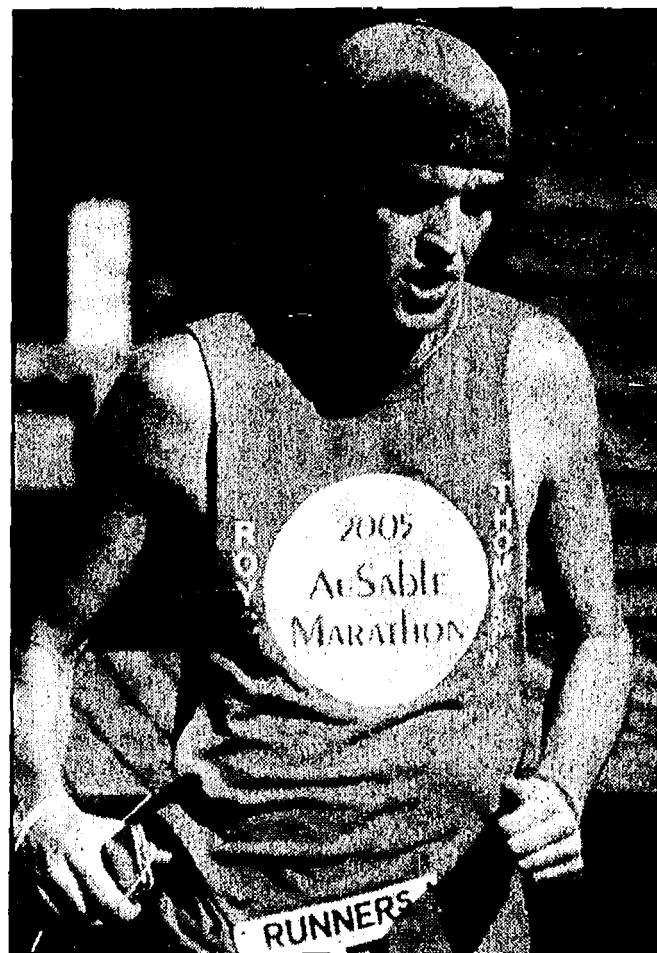
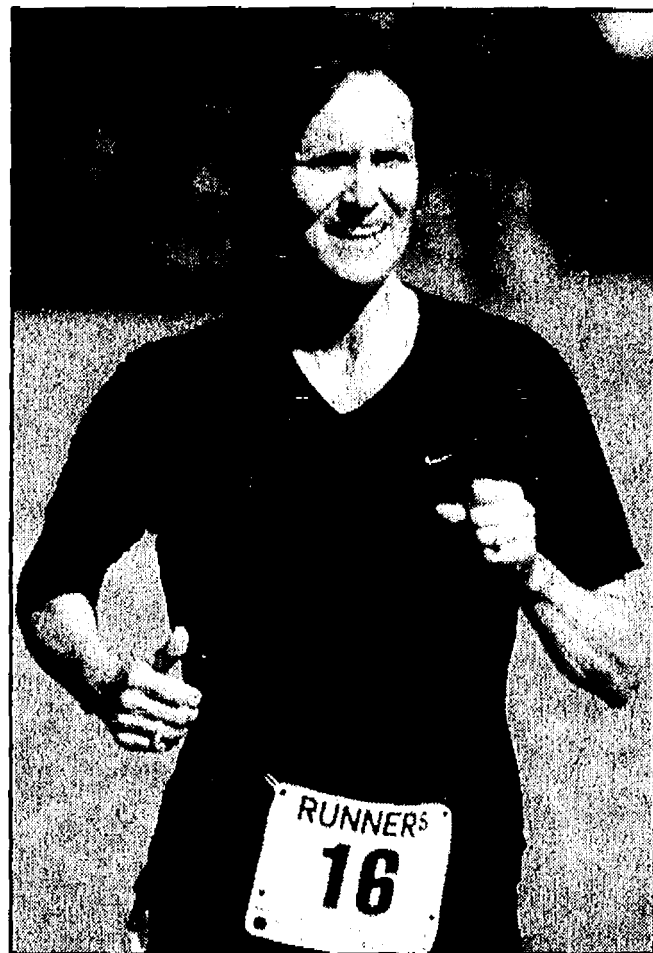
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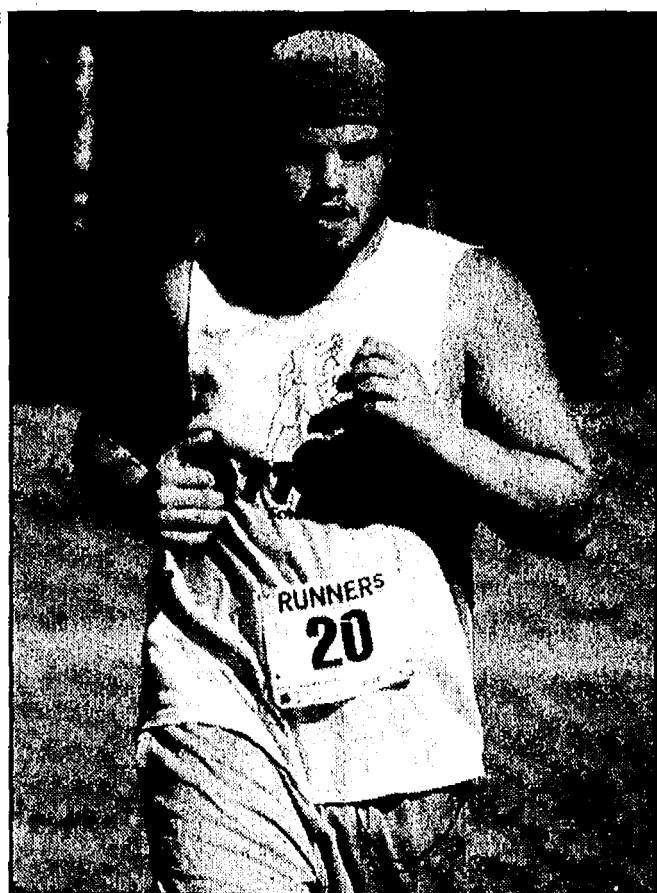
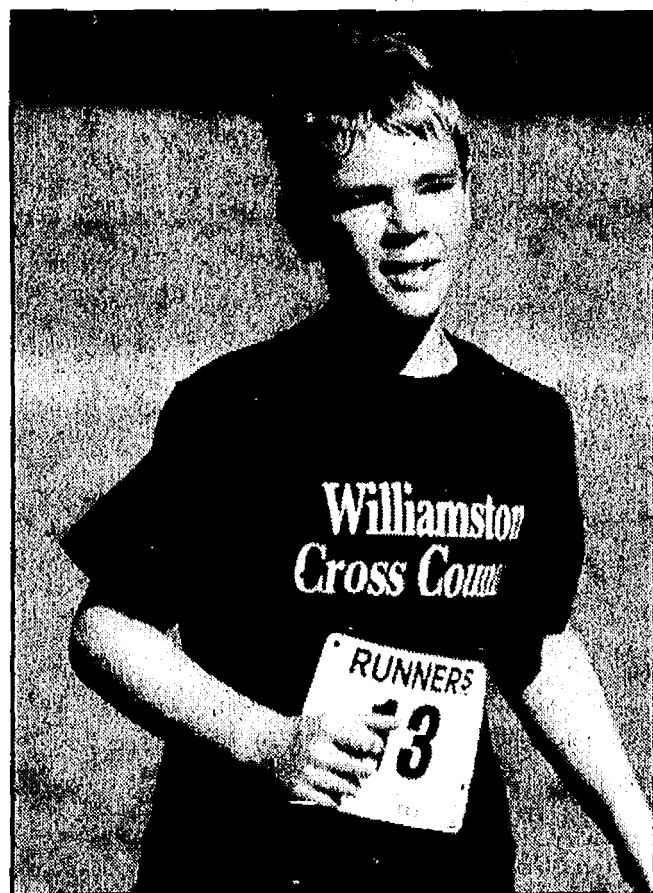
Twenty-five runners compete in five-mile race at Hanson Hills



Eric Drogt (left) and Greg Mills (right) approach the finish line of the 2007 Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run on Saturday, June 9.



Jody Hinkle (left) and Josh Hinkle (right) finish this year's Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run.



Max Ferguson (left) and Matt Swope (right) compete in GRA's five-mile race at Hanson Hills on June 9.

LEGALS

SYNOPSIS UNAPPROVED

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP
JUNE 12, 2007
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman.
Absent: None.
Public Comment: None

Motion by Luck, and seconded by

George, to accept agenda. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda. May Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of "and the public" to the paragraph regarding the Official's Training Session, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for June, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Luck, to accept the estimate from Great Lakes Roofing for gutter project on the Fire Hall in the amount of \$2,200.00. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Luck, to approve the Burnham & Flower invoice for \$766.00 for the premium on our life/accident insurance for our Fire/EMT personnel, and Base Radios for \$716.91 for the Fire/EMS Dept. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept the Township Ordinances with changes discussed, and to publish notification of the Public Hearing regarding the ordinances. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Kozlowski, to accept the bid from Hall Construction in the amount of \$33,070.00 for the garage project, contingent on the receipt of further documentation from Hall. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to forward to the Township attorney the Uniform Cable Franchise Agreement when received for their recommendation, then presented to the Board to insure that we comply with the 30 day deadline. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by George, to accept for payment the invoice from MTA for \$1,542.30 for dues, the invoice from Crawford County Central Dispatch 911 for \$548.00 and the McAfee computer protection package in the amount of \$345.56. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept for payment the mileage requests from the Zoning Administrator in the amount of \$177.21; from Lawrence Smith for \$61.71 for EMT classes attended. Ayes: All. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD DEFERRAL OF DECISION ON PROPOSAL TO FIRE THE MULTIPLE LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM ON CAMP GRAYLING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT LANDS

On April 5, 2007 the Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) proposing to fire the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) from Michigan Department of Natural Resources management agreement lands located in Kalkaska County. The Proposed Action would allow firing of the MLRS from state lands located southwest of the City of Grayling in Section 19 of Garfield East Township, Kalkaska County into the "fenced-in" Range 13 impact area located in Beaver Creek West Township, Crawford County. A new MLRS Range was needed to alleviate scheduling, operational efficiency and safety conflicts on the current MLRS Range located near the Multiple Purpose Range Complex (MPRC).

An extensive re-evaluation of the conditions that created the original need for another MLRS Range has been conducted and the following key issues have changed:

- Recent force structure changes have converted the armor units within the MIARNG into non-armor units, eliminating the armor (tanks) training requirement. Therefore, the MPRC has no immediate requirements for armor qualification eliminating this major range scheduling conflict.
- The .50 Caliber Machinegun Range, currently located on the MPRC, is now used extensively during weekend training. Scheduling this range during annual training can be effectively managed to reduce conflicts when the MLRS is scheduled.

The MIARNG has deferred the decision to fire the MLRS on Camp Grayling management agreement lands indefinitely until mission training requirements change and require a need to establish a second MLRS Range. The firing of the MLRS will continue near the MPRC located on the North Camp portion of the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center.

The MIARNG appreciates the review and comments received on the Draft EA issued April 5, 2007. Any questions regarding this Draft EA or current firing of the MLRS can be directed to John W. Hunt, Camp Grayling Environmental Manager at (989) 344-6176.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

Summer has arrived and I hope this isn't the only week we have of it. We are so enjoying this sunshine and it sure made for a lot of happy golfers, Wednesday, June 13.

In Flight A, Marilyn Hartman had a low net of 35 and Lynda Hetrick had low putts of 15.

In Flight B, Shelly Cohoe and Sally McNamara tied for low net of 36 and Nancy Glasslee had low putts of 15.

In Flight C, Mo McNamara

took it all with a low net of 43 and low putts of 14. Great going gals!

There was a prize for the longest putt on #15 and that was won by Sharon France. She won an assortment of golf items, purse, pen and a small bag for tees.

The White Elephant prize this week was won by Kay Ellen King. It was a pretty glass swan nut dish with a can of mixed nuts.

For lunch, our choices were a fruit plate and cottage cheese or a Shrimp Louis salad. Very excellent.

Before we began play, Donna Grass, course superintendent, warned us to beware of a mother skunk near the end of #16. She had seen it earlier wandering in the woods and said it would be wise not to look for our ball, but to take a drop instead. There were no problems that I heard of, so everyone probably hit as straight as possible. We all love Mother Nature's creatures, but sure want to avoid that one.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Clouse, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Co. d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 690, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One And 84/100 Dollars (\$117,931.84), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 264 feet of the South 528 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 21, thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes West along Section line 803.2 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes West along Section line 264.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes West 1321.25 feet, thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds East along 1/8 line 264.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes East 1321.55 feet to the point of beginning. This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan right to farm act.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 14, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #145384F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOHN JOSEPH PILLARO JR., UNMARRIED, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 2004, and recorded on October 28, 2004, in Liber 672, on Page 215, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Forty Dollars and Five Cents (\$182,040.05), including interest at 6.740% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 11, 2007

Said premises are situated in Township of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: PARCEL B-2: BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, THENCE DUE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE 1982.20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.52 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 329.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, 330.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, 330.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID NO. 040-44-036-16-080-01

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 23, 2007
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen Scheid, a married man and joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship and Michelle L. Scheid, a married woman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2005, and recorded on August 18, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 863, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Sixty-Two And 64/100 Dollars (\$86,062.64), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 49 and the East 1/2 of Lot 50, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 14, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #145005F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allen Dickie, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2003, and recorded on February 27, 2003 in Liber 621 on Page 405, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 20/100 Dollars (\$89,251.20), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the Northwesterly one-half of Lot 5, block 19, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 31, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822,
File #097297F02

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 687, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Four And 85/100 Dollars (\$161,384.85), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 18, 2007.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2007-08 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Grayling Township Hall: P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI. 49738

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget Hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 2007-08 Budgets, amendment resolution for Fiscal Year 2006-07, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Degrees 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning. This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

Also Subject to and use of: An 83 Foot Easement for Ingress and Egress, Lying 33 Feet on the Left of Northeastly side and 50 Feet on the Right or Southwesterly side of a Line described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right-of-Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (Along said Right-of-Way) 105.3 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 390.18 Feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 14, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #099625F03

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by DENISE A. BOONIE, a single woman, of 309 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan, 49738-8787, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated January 26, 1995 and recorded January 26, 1995 in Liber 389 in Crawford County Records on Page 299-302, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY AND 16/100 (\$92,860.16) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided,

ed, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Sheriff's Department at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 8.0% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 28, Red Wing Terrace, as recorded in Liber 4 Page 22 of Plats, Crawford County Records, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: May 31, 2007
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
Running, Wise, Ford & Phillips, P.L.C.
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Nadenoff, a married man and Sarah Nadenoff, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2003, and recorded on July 7, 2003 in Liber 642 on Page 216, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One And 43/100 Dollars (\$141,851.43), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 31, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #144253F01

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Anderson and Calley Anderson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 136, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-12XS as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine And 49/100 Dollars (\$203,469.49), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 1, 446.37 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 1; thence continuing South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along said North line, 184.46 feet; thence South 14 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds West, 180.70 feet; thence South 28 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds West, 257.08 feet to a traverse along the Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence along said traverse the following three courses: (1) North 48 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 116.75 feet (2) North 13 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West, 51.47 feet; thence North 16 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds East, 291.40 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Description to include lands lying between said traverse line and the edge of water of the AuSable River between the Westerly extensions of the Northerly and Southerly lines as described herein. Land subject to the Northerly portion thereof as Pollack Bridge Road and any easements, restrictions, or rights of way of record. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 21, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #146678F01

PUBLIC NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act 1976 PA 267, the Frederic Township Board hereby list and post the dates, time and place of all the Regular meetings during the 2007-2008 fiscal year as follows:

1. All regular meetings will be held at the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, Mich 49733. Phone # (989) 348-8778, Building and Zoning (#989) 348-8840, Fax # (989) 348-7365.

2. All regular meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month except for the November and January meetings, which will be on the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 P.M. on the following dates:

July 9, 2007	January 15, 2008 (Tuesday)
August 13, 2007	February 11, 2008
September 10, 2007	March 10, 2008
October 8, 2007	April 14, 2008
November 13, 2007 (Tuesday)	May 12, 2008
December 12, 2007	June 9, 2008

Nancy L. Bindschatel
Frederic Township Clerk
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Kirtland Community College is accepting bids to lease the following item:

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MORTGAGE SALE

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed except in the event the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA §600.3241(a), in which case the property may be redeemed during the

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Town 27 North Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 27 and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of Section 27, 1329.75 feet to West one-eighth line

Commonly known as 2828 Pine Wood Dr,
Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with
MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in
which case the redemption period shall be
90 days from the date of such sale, or
upon the expiration of the notice required
by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 22, 2007 Wells Fargo

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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2701 Cambridge Court, Suite 223
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326
(248) 337-1700 x 13
-17-24-31-7-14-21

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE**

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The redemption period shall be 6

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY DIVISION
CRAWFORD COUNTY

A petition requesting the court to take jurisdiction of this child has been filed with this court.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Dated: June 14, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248.452.1000 File No. 214-5026

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Date: 06/12/2007
Sierra R. Koch, P 69281
Bloomquist & Associates PLLC
306 State Street
P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

Kristine Stagg
2300 W. Miller Road
Lewiston, MI 49756
(989) 826-5428

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1. Real Estate

OPPORTUNITY up to 9 plus acres commercial plot. Downtown St. Helen 2 miles off I-75. Ideal location for any large venture, 25 minutes from new proposed activity center. Call 989-389-1428. (-31-7-14-21/1)

1. Real Estate

LOOKING FOR a few good neighbors. AuSable Country Acres site condo wooded building sites. Capture the pioneer spirit through log home living. Builder Buckingham Homes Inc. Contact 989-348-7355. (5/17/2007tf/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

BEHIND ON YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT threatened with foreclosure, don't know what to do? Don't lose everything. I can help. Call me today. Selling your house now might save you substantial money. Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21 River Country Real Estate Agent, 989-390-1393/989-348-5474. (sgf-21-28/1)

CLEAN AND NEAT 2 bedroom home with garage, near AuSable River. \$59,500 (586)382-1960 or (248)398-7539 (-3-10-17/1)

NEW HOME river access, 104 Black Bear \$125,000, cabin \$75,000, 989-348-4840. (-7-14-21-28-5/1)

1. Real Estate

205 CRESTWOOD for sale or lease. Rent is \$600 per month, large modular. (W) 989-348-4252 from 9-5. (H) 989-348-5256. (-21-28/1)

THREE ACRES within walking distance of the AuSable River "Holy Waters." 3 bedroom house, detached 2 car garage, workshop out back. Situated on corner of maintained paved roads. Needs work, great location with many possibilities. 989-348-0187. (-21/1)

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Call after 5 p.m. 989-348-7519. (-21/1)

2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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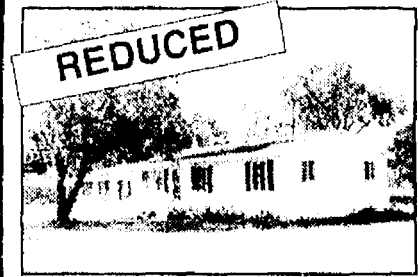
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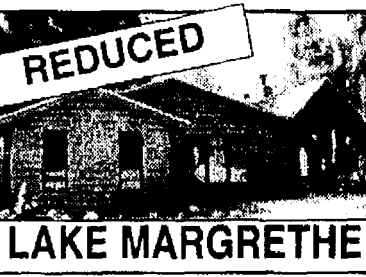
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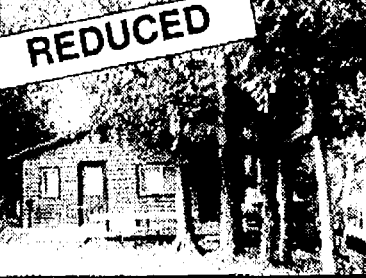
ENCHANTING COTTAGE WITH COOL LAKE BREEZES Beautiful log home offering 2,075 square feet with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Great room and dining room each has impressive stone fireplace from floor to ceiling. Cathedral ceilings. Unique log staircase to loft. Kohler plumbing fixtures. Central air, stove surround system and underground sprinkling system. New roof, doors and windows. Very tastefully decorated and ready to move into. Beautifully landscaped with pavers on sidewalks. Breath taking views of Lake Margrethe. \$399,000 CH-2476



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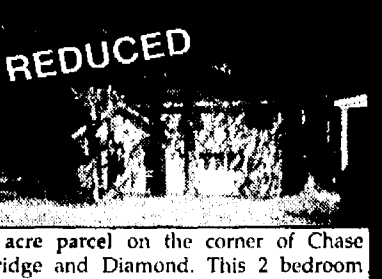


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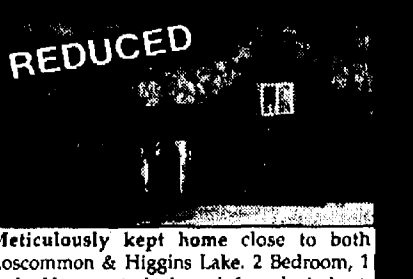
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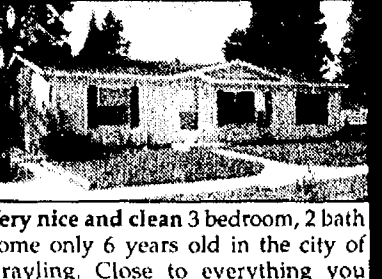
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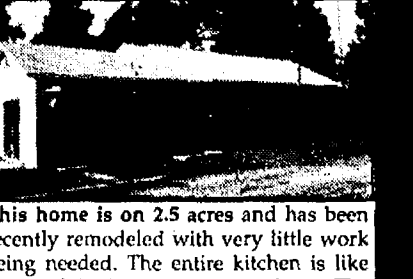
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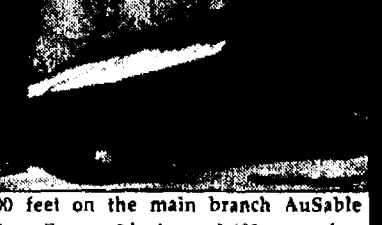
Very nice and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home only 6 years old in the city of Grayling. Close to everything you need for comfortable city living. Fenced in back yard and a nice concrete driveway. #5770 \$65,000



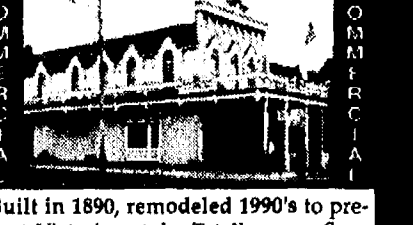
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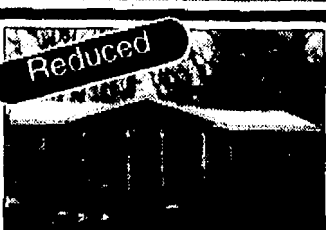
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5. For Sale

FOR SALE 12' truck camper, sleeps 6, stove, ref., shower, toilet, side dinette, new jacks. Fits full size 3/4 T truck w/ full bed. Best offer, call 989-348-1340. (-21-28/5)

WOODMASTER 26" DRUM SANDER used twice, still on skids. \$1,200 O.B.O. 989-348-0187. (-21/5)

SAILFISH-1977, NEWER SAIL can be seen at 99 Timber Trail off Staley Lake Road on Monday, June 25, after 1 p.m. (-21/5)

1990 VIKING POP-UP camper for sale. Good condition, sleeps 5. \$1,500. 989-348-4529. (-21/5)

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WALDEN KAYAKS 2 singles, 1 double, \$800 for all 3. 2004 19' Four Winns I/O Bowrider, excellent, \$17,900 O.B.O. Grayling, 989-493-2800. (-21-28/5)

SHOPSMITH MARK-IV with band saw, jointer lathe and many extras, \$2,000. 989-348-1554. (-21/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06t/6)

LOOKING FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY or house to buy in Grayling area. 231-645-2232. (14-21-28-5/6)

DONATIONS NEEDED for Grayling Co-op Preschool 4th of July garage sale. Clean, slightly used, working items appreciated. Please call Lisa Northrop, 989-390-5267 to make appointment for drop off. (-21/6)

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES \$150, commercial. More quantities of steel, machinery, appliances. 888-468-4313. (-21/6)

VOLUNTEER HELP for Air Show. The Crawford County United Way is looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets for their summer raffle at the Camp Grayling Air Show. They will be having a tent set up for volunteers to work from and be at the camp on July 6, 7 and 8. Please call Linda Williams at 989 344-9300. Must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. (-21-28/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOST YORKIE Muffin. Reward, 614-296-9162. Lost in Lovells area. (-21/7)

7. Miscellaneous

FREE MILES Receive 15 miles free on all local Penske truck rentals at Reasonable Rental in Roscommon. Just mention this ad. 989-275-5972. (LR10/4/2007/7)

FOUND LOST FEMALE SIAMESE cat in the Jones Lake area. Call, 989-348-1369. (-21/7)

8. Announcements

CUSTOM SIGNS lettering and banners for your business, truck or trailer. Color printing service, brochures, posters, newsletters, business cards. Call Pete Kocefas. 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (4/26/07t/8)

FAMILY GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06t/8)

SIMONS VETERINARY CLINIC in Grayling again at 4780 Staley Lake Road on Thurs., June 28 from 9:30-3 p.m. Please call 231-584-3500 for an appointment. We would like to thank the Oz Project of Grayling and Col. Potter's Cairn Rescue Network for the use of their building. (-14-21/8)

VENDORS WANTED WEEKLY for flea market. Call Sandy, 989-390-4920 if interested. (LR08/23/07/8)

MOVING AUCTION June 23, 10 a.m. Mio. Furniture, appliances, glass, pottery, household, tools, garage & outside, professional paintball arena with all accessories, coins & more. View Web site for pictures or call, Lets Talk Auction Company, 989-848-5151 or 1-800-555-1515. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-21/8)

I AM SORRY for overstepping my boundaries in making the engagement announcement and apologize for any trouble I caused. Janet Gildner. (-21/8)

RUMMAGE SALE Friday, June 22 from 9-4, Saturday, June 23 from 9-12 at Michelson United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling. (-21/8)

10. Garage Sale

YARD SALE North Redhead Lane, first trailer on right. Fri., June 22, 9-4. Sat., June 23, 9-6. All items must go. Men's clothes, 32-34, ladies clothes, 8-12 P, household items, books, knick knacks & bicycles. (-21/10)

8. Announcements

BENEFIT SALE
June 29-30 10am-5pm
Christian Youth Campers
Community of Christ Church
N. Down River Rd. at Glen Rd.
Collectibles - Tools - Skates - Bikes -
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Attention GHS Class of 1997

10 year reunion will be held at the Grayling Country Club on August 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes appetizers, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. Please email your contact info to: ghsclassof1997@hotmail.com
SEE YOU SOON!

10. Garage Sale

LOOKING FOR appliances, furniture, carpet and clothing. Come to Consign in Grayling, located at 6264 W. M-72, between M-72 and Pine Point Rd. 989-344-1629. (-14-21/10)

GARAGE SALE at Stuff Y'R Stuff storage on M-72/Goose Creek Rd. Thurs. & Fri., 10-4. Appliances and household, 36" commercial stove. (-21/10)

SATURDAY JUNE 23 9-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Furniture, pool table w/ all accessories (1 yr. old), Playskool toys, swing set, telescope, many misc. household items, children's clothes & baseball cards. 1679 S. AuSable Tr. 3rd house on the right. (-21/10)

SALE 707 Robinhood, June 22-23, 8-5. Girl's bike, girl's clothes, toys, furniture, ice fishing tent, Hallmark ornaments, cherished teddies, misc. (-21/10)

LARGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE This Thursday-Saturday, 9-5. 623 East M-72, 5.5 miles from Burger King in town. Baby & children's things, household, furniture, clothes, Craftsman snowblower, 1974 18' Sea Ray boat with trailer. Lemonade & homemade cookies, too! (-21/10)

YARD SALE 4 FAMILY 810 Little John, Fri., 22, Sat., 23, 9-4. Antiques, collectibles, electric equipment, 1999 Dodge Caravan, household misc. You name it, we have it. (-21/10)

8. Announcements

A MESSAGE FROM STEVE AND CECILIA SOUTHARD, REGARDING THE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IN THE CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

We recognize that there has been considerable rumor and speculation regarding the future of our business, Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory.

It has been our great pleasure to have, for the past 28 years, carried on the wonderful Grayling and AuSable and Manistee Rivers business, history and tradition established here at our location by Chief David Shoppenagon and, subsequently, by "Sailor" Bill Huddleston, Ray Snider and Al and Cappy Westervelt.

We've greatly enjoyed our opportunity to help "grow" and support the AuSable Canoe Marathon, improve the canoeist-fly fisherman relationship regarding river use and to help bring about the Grayling Stormwater Management Project, which will help to protect the AuSable River for this and future generations. Over the past 15 years our family has had a lot of major life events take place, not unlike many families. In our case, these events piled up and "piled on". Though it was difficult, we made it through the tough family times OK, we are very proud of our 3 kids, who pitched in, in a major way to help out.

The tough times also took a financial toll, then the tough Michigan economic conditions hit. We are far from being the only small business in this state struggling through the tough times. We sincerely hope our state leaders can figure out a way to help Michigan transition from a high wage auto-worker based economy to something else that will begin to help us all bounce back from this extended economic slump.

Locally, the recently announced Main Street America project will be a wonderful and much needed shot in the arm, if it receives all of the necessary approvals and moves on to construction.

In conclusion, it is our intent to work our way out of the individual economic slump we find ourselves in. Several years ago, a great group of friends and customers pitched in to try to help us out, by way of a fund raiser to help us out financially. Their generosity and support was very meaningful to us and greatly appreciated. We do not intend to let them down.

We intend to remain right here and operating Ray's Canoeing & Fly Factory for many years to come. We have a plan to meet that objective and we are working hard to bring it to reality.

Thank you for your past business and support. We hope to see you again soon at Ray's Canoeing & Fly Factory.
Sincerely, Steve and Cecilia Southard

10. Garage Sale

HUGE 3 FAMILY garage sale. 5155 Dort Rd. off South Grayling Rd. Fri., Sat. & Sun., 10-6. (-21/10)

GARAGE SALE June 22, 23, 24. 618 W. 4 Mile Rd. next to Yogi Bear Park. 1x, 2x, 3x women's clothes & much more, rain or shine. (-21/10)

YARD SALE Fri., 22, 9-4 & Sat., 23, 9-3. 1/2 price on Saturday. Baby items, toys, clothes, women's clothing, futon, misc. 6470 Old Lake Rd. (-21/10)

RUMMAGE SALE Friday, June 22 from 9-4, Saturday, June 23 from 9-12 at Michelson United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling. (-21/10)

GARAGE SALE Sat., 23 & Sun., 24 from 9-4. Left off Ole Dam Rd. to 6803 Nottingham. Closed if it rains. (-21/10)

GARAGE SALE June 22 & 23, 9 a.m. till ? Another family's things added. Hunting gear, fax machine, collectables, etc. Three miles north of high school. 4014 N. Old 27. (-21/10)

N. DOWN RIVER to Wilcox Bridge to 3452 Jones Lake. One person inflatable hot tub. June 22 & 23, 10-4 p.m. (-21/10)

RADIAL ARM SAW misc. tools, workshop benches, garage door opener, cabinets, 8x12 shed, household items. All must go. Whirlpool Road, Sat., June 23. (-21/10)

8. Announcements

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE 210 Rolla. Fri.-Sun., 9-5. Avon, clothes (size 0-infant to 3x adult), TV's, VCR's, entertainment center and more. (-21/10)

FLEA MARKET OPENED every Saturday, 9-3, The Ole Barn, M-72 West. (LR08/30/07/10)

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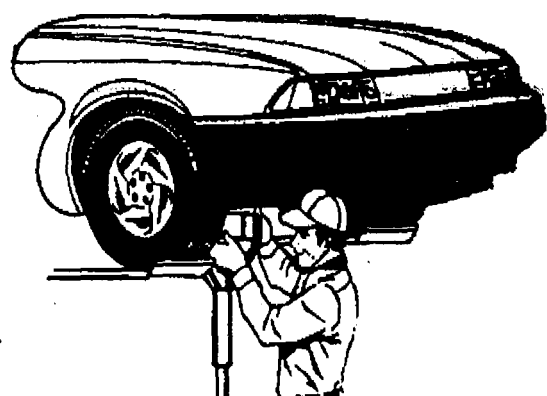
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